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THE HEDGEHOG

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TAKE A FLYER INTO THE FUTURE . . .
MOBIUS: 25 YEARS LATER !

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ATOMIC WEAPONS.

ROBOTIC INVASION.

DOES THAT ROBOTNIK KNOW HOW TO KILL A HOMECOMING OR WHAT?

NOW, IT'S UP TO ME 'N TAILS TO RAIN ON HIS PARADE.

BIG TIME.

HARD TO BELIEVE WE MADE IT THIS FAR, WHEN ONLY A FEW MINUTES AGO...

...BACK AT CASTLE ACORN...

WE'RE MAJOR TOAST. EVEN AT TOP SPEED, IT'LL TAKE ME A COUPLE OF HOURS TO RUN NORTH TO OLD MEGAOPOLIS, AND BY THEN IT'LL BE TOO LATE...

...EGGMAN WILL HAVE ALREADY LAUNCHED BOTH WARHEADS AT KNOTHOLE AND STATION SQUARE!

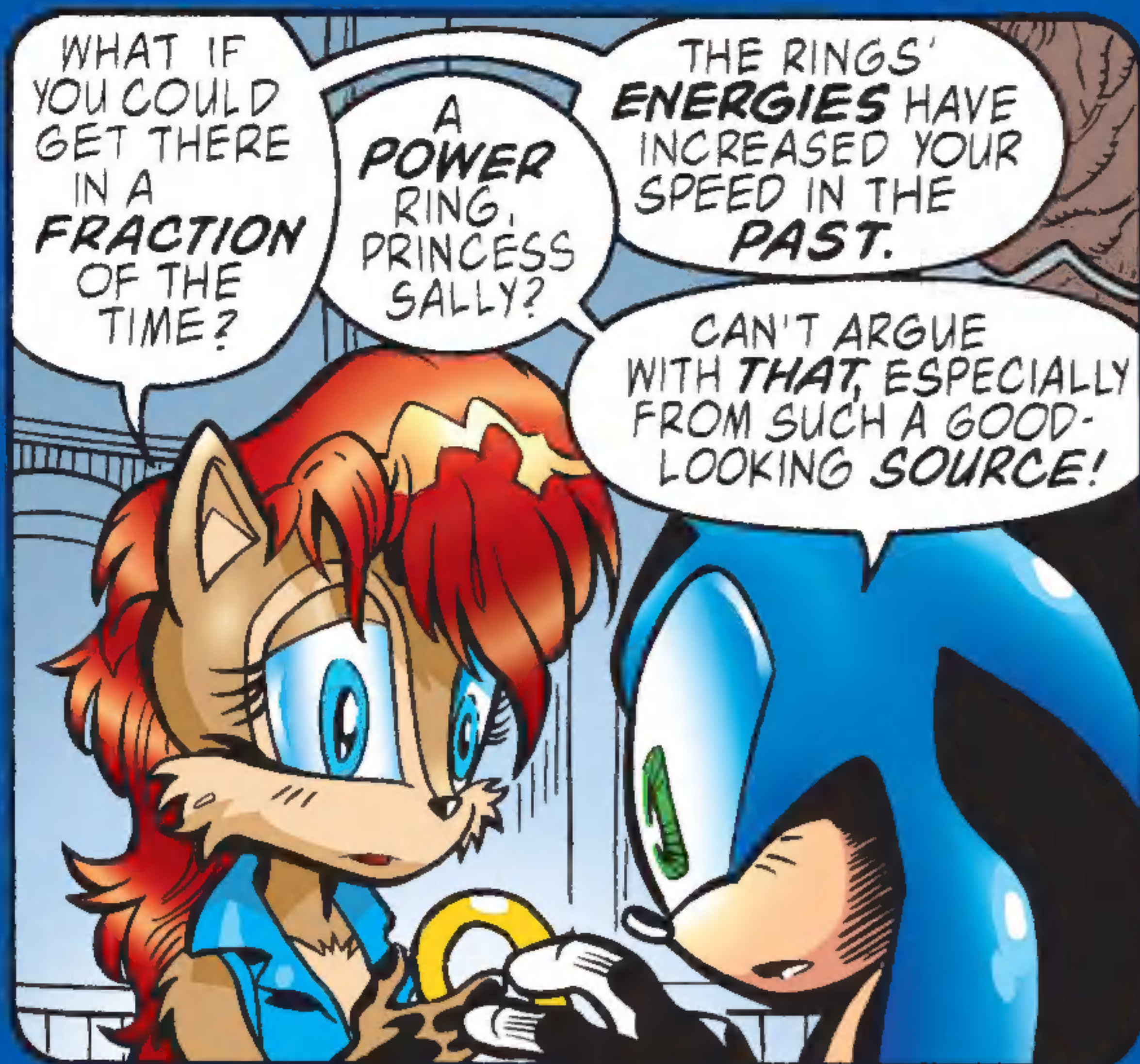
WAIT, SONIC...

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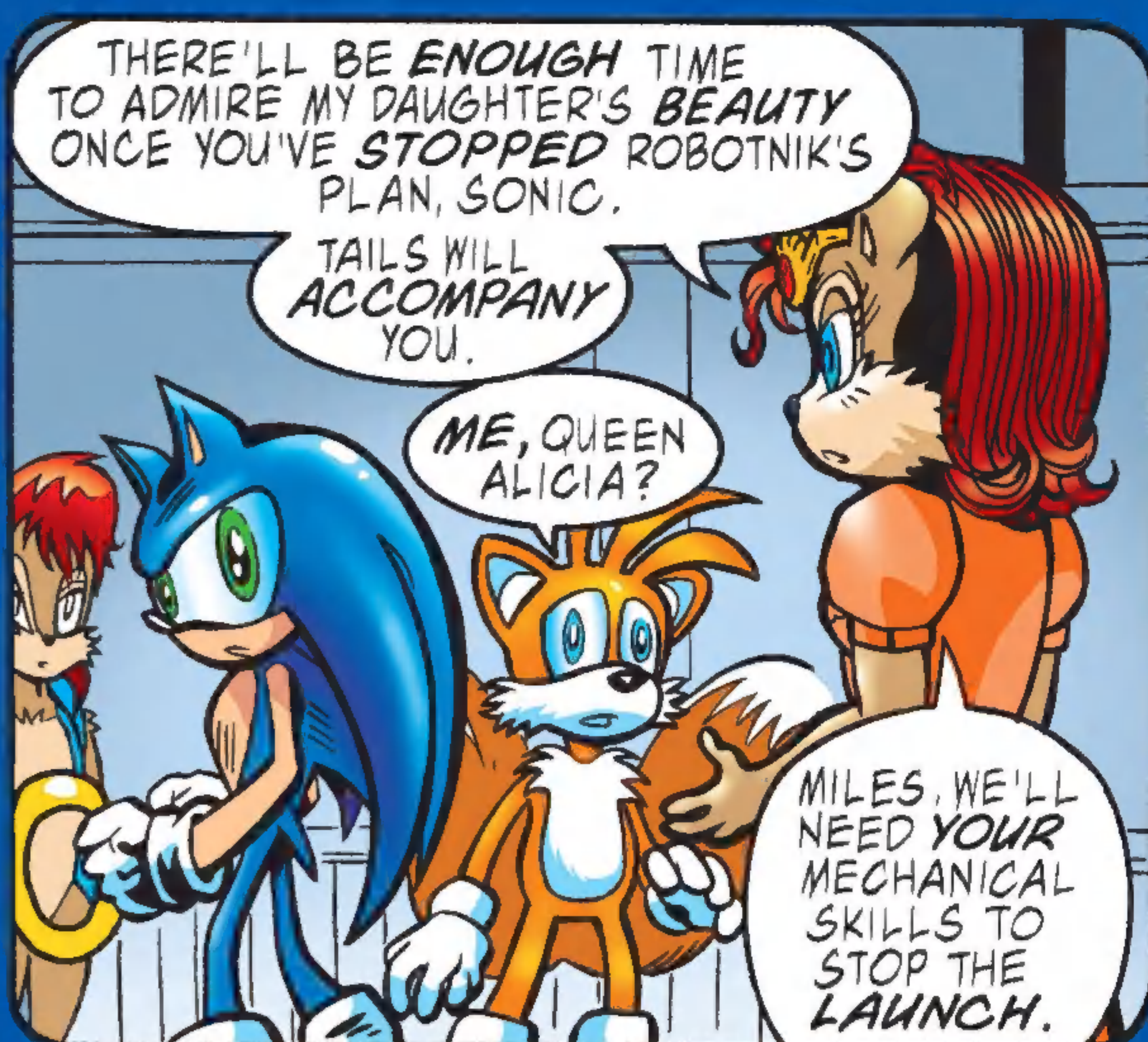


WHAT IF YOU COULD GET THERE IN A **FRACTION** OF THE TIME?

A **POWER RING**, PRINCESS SALLY?

THE RINGS' **ENERGIES** HAVE INCREASED YOUR SPEED IN THE **PAST**.

CAN'T ARGUE WITH **THAT**, ESPECIALLY FROM SUCH A GOOD-LOOKING **SOURCE**!

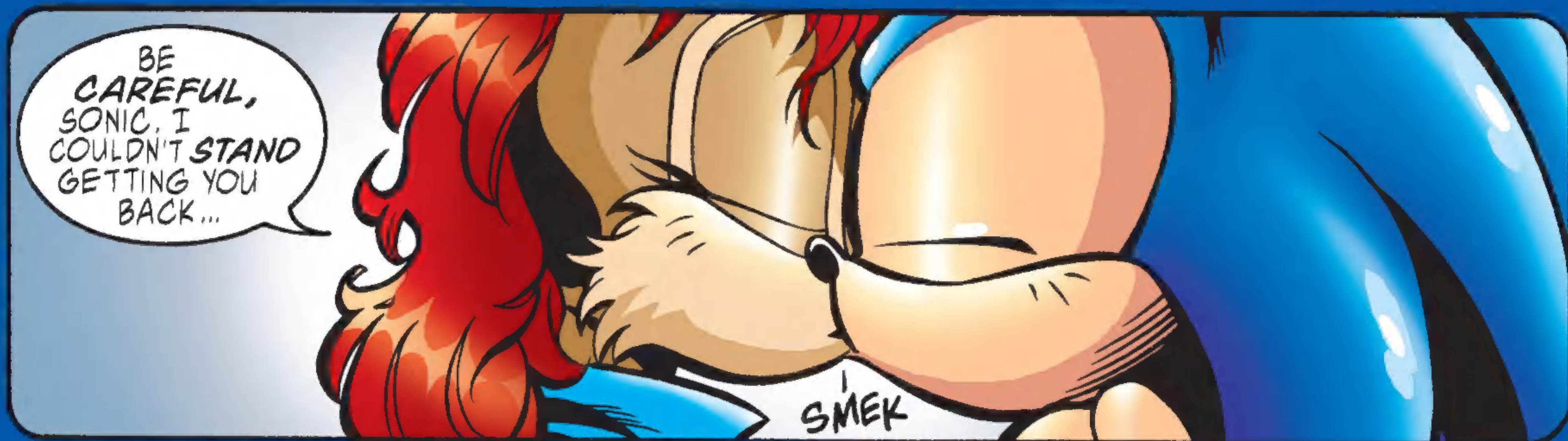


THERE'LL BE **ENOUGH** TIME TO ADMIRE MY DAUGHTER'S **BEAUTY** ONCE YOU'VE **STOPPED** ROBOTNIK'S PLAN, SONIC.

TAILS WILL **ACCOMPANY** YOU.

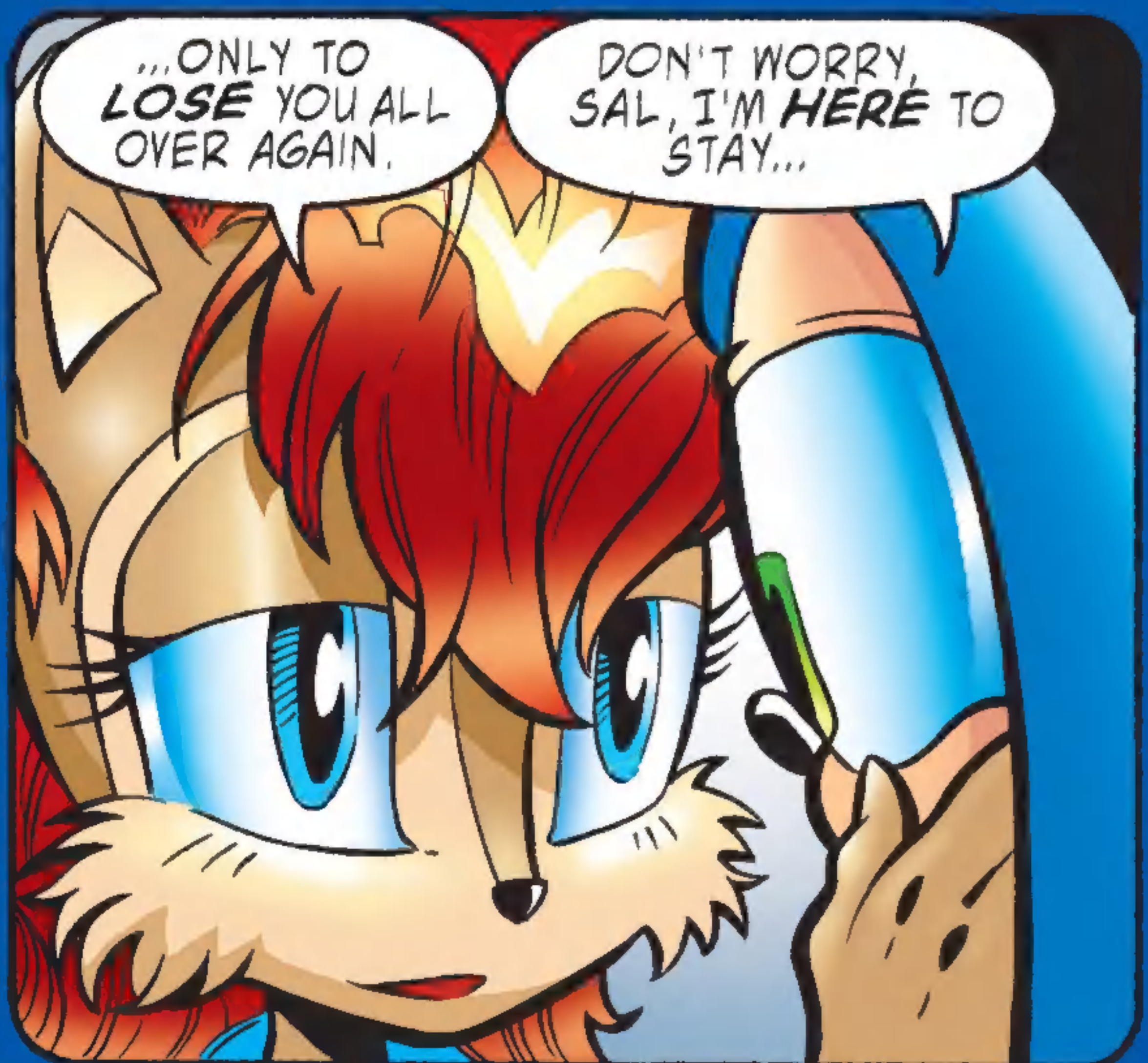
ME, QUEEN ALICIA?

MILES, WE'LL NEED YOUR **MECHANICAL** SKILLS TO **STOP** THE **LAUNCH**.



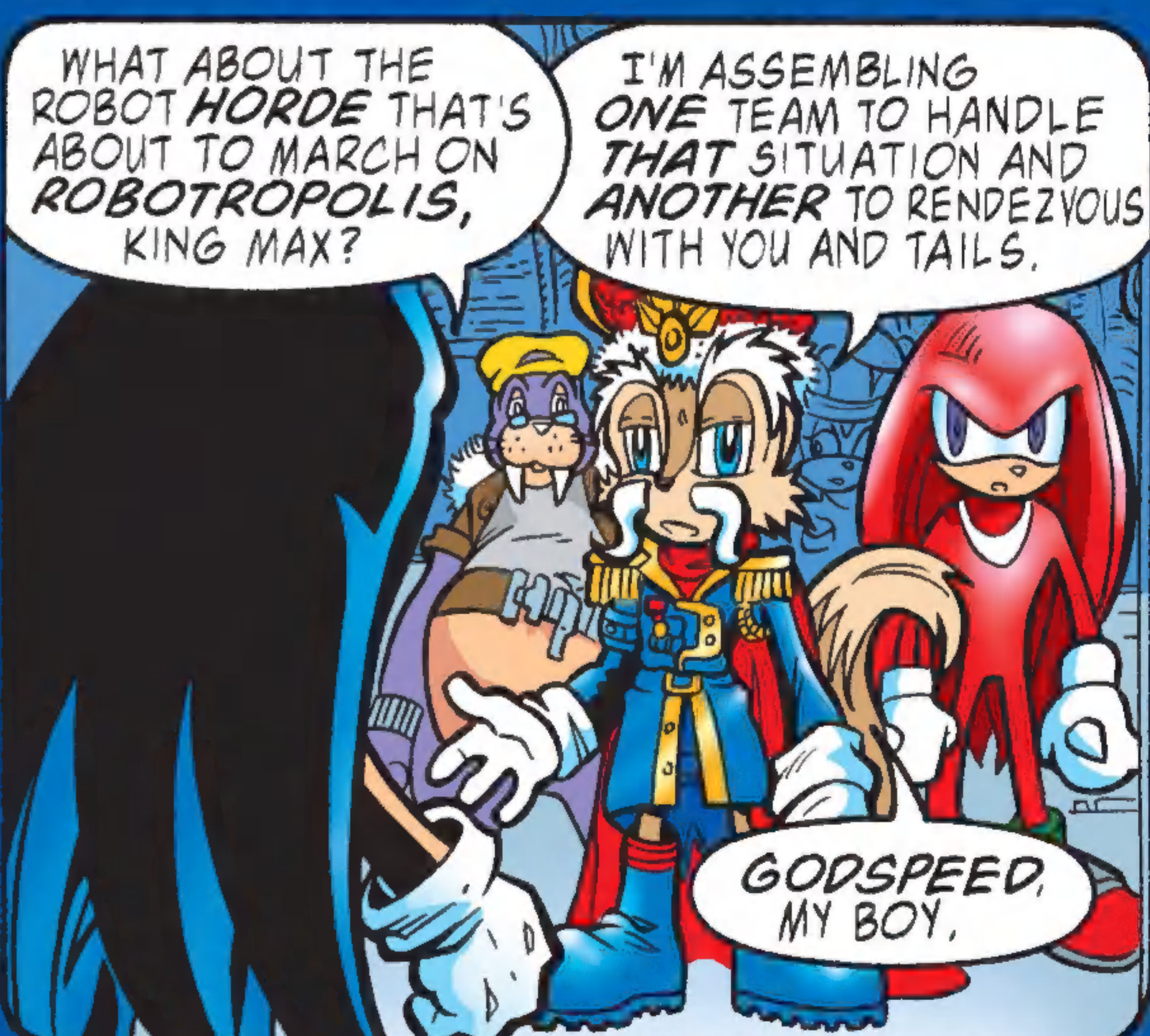
BE **CAREFUL**, SONIC. I COULDN'T **STAND** GETTING YOU **BACK**...

SMEK



...ONLY TO **LOSE** YOU ALL OVER AGAIN.

DON'T WORRY, SAL, I'M **HERE** TO **STAY**...



WHAT ABOUT THE **ROBOT HORDE** THAT'S ABOUT TO MARCH ON **ROBOTROPOLIS**, KING MAX?

I'M ASSEMBLING **ONE** TEAM TO HANDLE **THAT** SITUATION AND **ANOTHER** TO RENDEZVOUS WITH YOU AND TAILS.

GODSPEED, MY BOY.



I'VE MORE THAN **GOT** IT.

OLD MEGAOPOLIS IS DEAD **AHEAD**.

ABOVE KNOTHOLE



BUNNIE RABBIT.
ANTOINE D'COOLETTE.
FIONA FOX. ME. THIS IS
QUITE A TEAM KING MAX
GATHERED TO BACK UP
SONIC, Eh, ST. JOHN?

LOOKS LIKE
YOU AND **HERSHEY**
MADE IT BACK JUST IN
TIME TO JOIN US.

AND, ISN'T THIS A
NEW VERSION OF THE
**FREEDOM FIGHTER
SPECIAL**? YOU EVER
FLOWN ONBOARD BEFORE
NOW?

THIS IS HER MAIDEN
VOYAGE, **ESPIO**. WE'RE
NOT EVEN **SURE** IF SHE
WORKS, MATE.

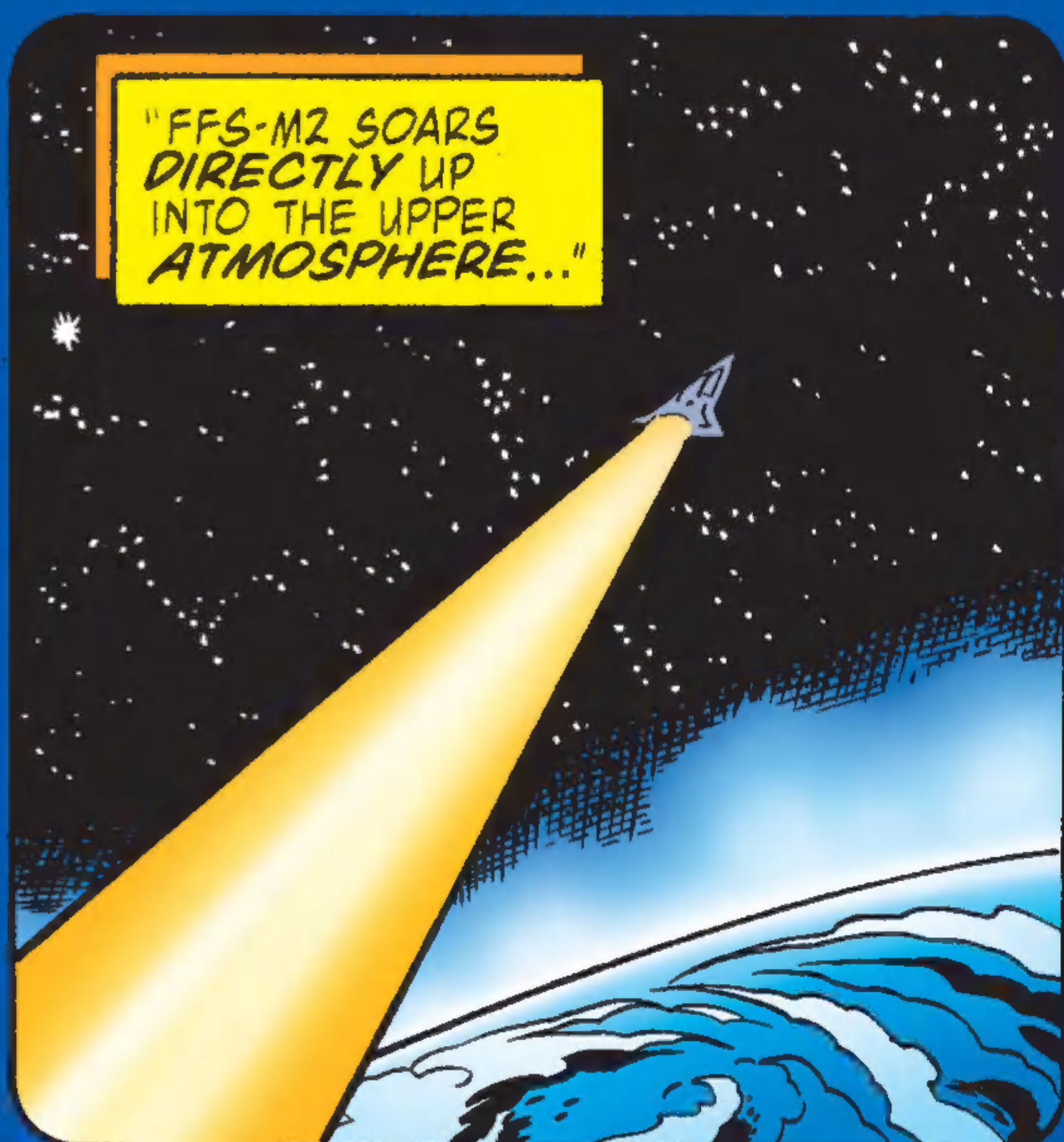
"WORKS...?"



WE AWAIT
YOUR INSTRUCTIONS,
ROTOR.

ROGER THAT,
ANTOINE. MY TEAM
AND I DESIGNED
FFS-MARK 2 TO
OPERATE ON A VERY
DIFFERENT
TRAVEL PRINCIPLE
FROM **MARK 1**.

WE'S
LISTENIN',
SUGAH.



"FFS-M2 SOARS
DIRECTLY UP
INTO THE UPPER
ATMOSPHERE..."



"...WHERE IT MOVES INTO
GEO-SYNCHRONOUS
ORBIT AROUND **MOBIUS**."



SHOULDN'T
WE HAVE PACKED
SPACESUITS?



DON'T SWEAT IT,
FIONA. WE INCLUDED
AN **ONBOARD LIFE**
SUPPORT SYSTEM.

IS **THIS** THE
PART WHERE I'M
SUPPOSED TO SAY,
"**GEE WHILLIKERS...?**"

NOT A **BAD** PLACE TO
START, ALL IN ALL. IN **ANY** EVENT,
MOVING IN AN **ACCELERATED**
HYPER-SPIN AROUND THE
PLANET...



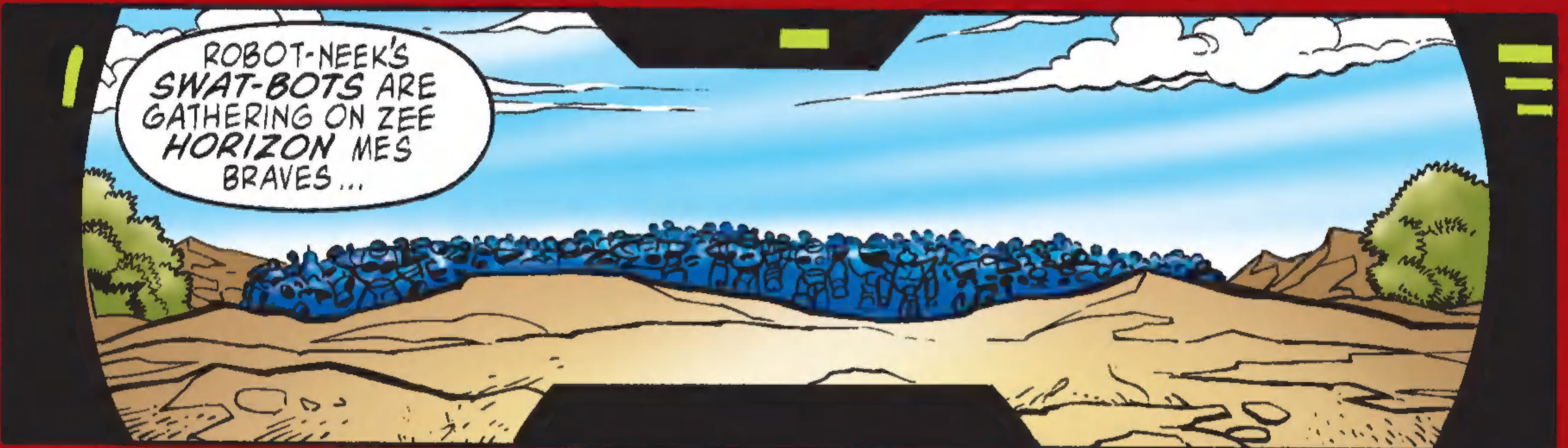
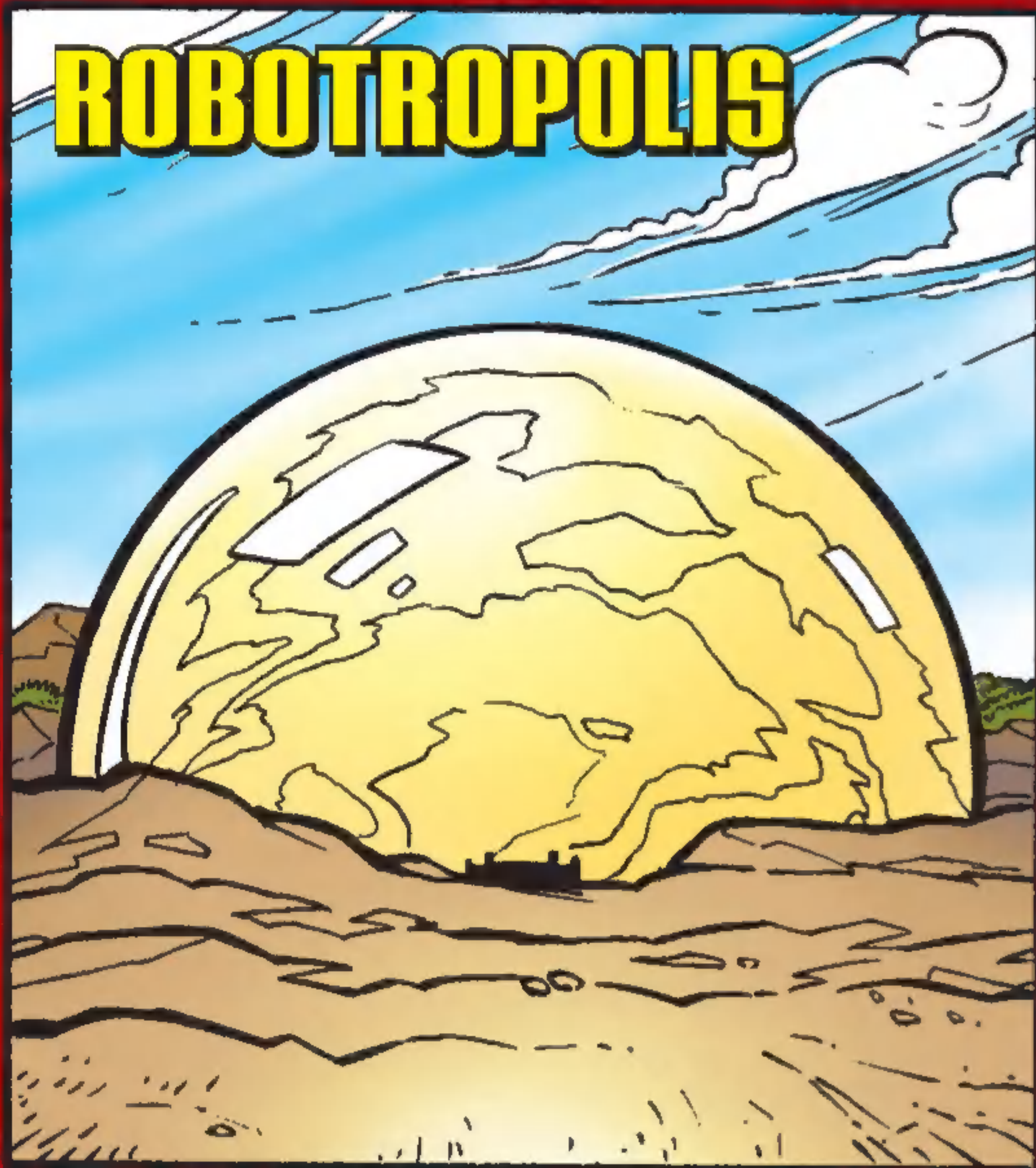
"...WILL **CUT** YOUR
TRAVEL TIME LIKE
NEVER **BEFORE**."

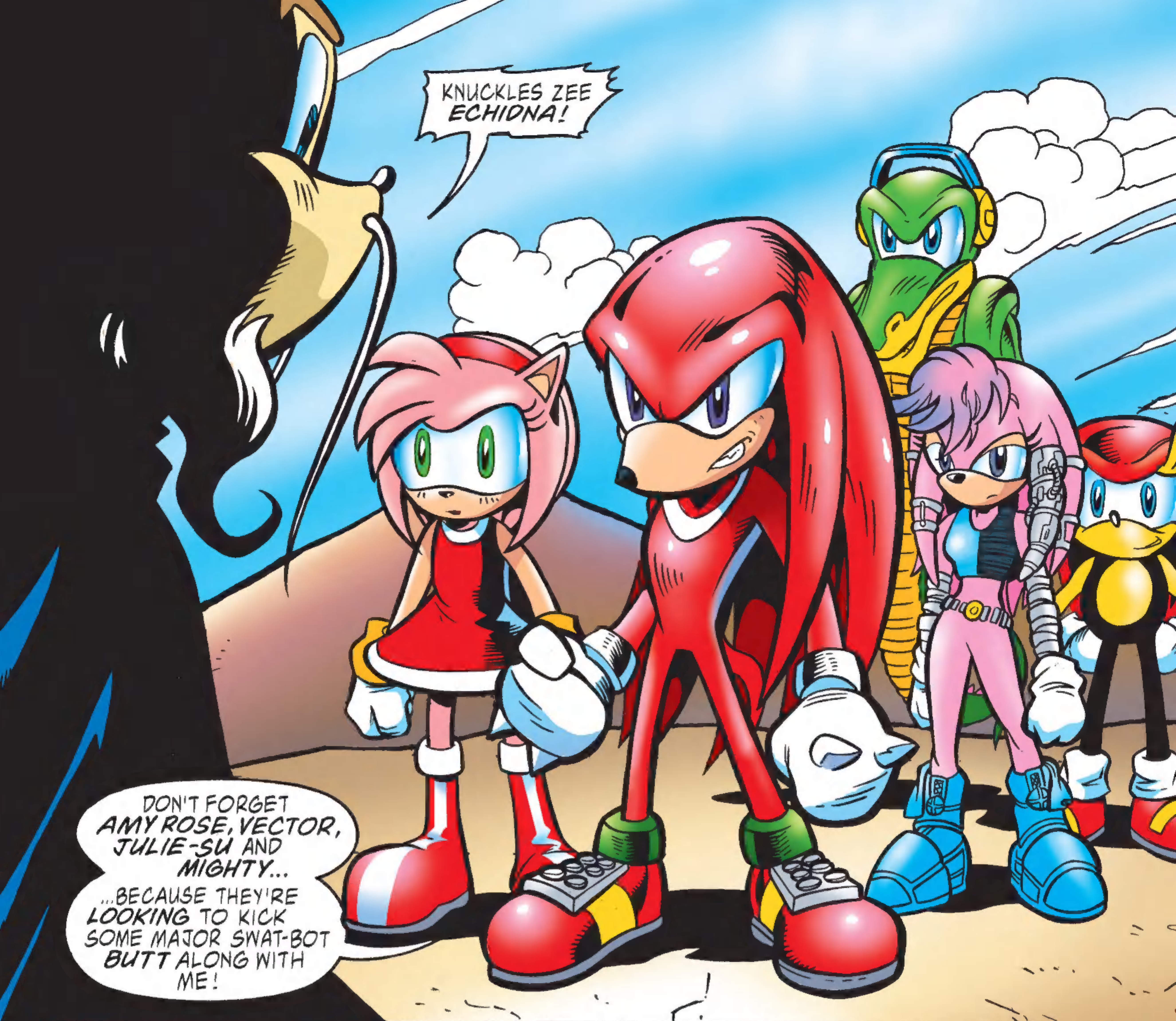


"WE ESTIMATE YOUR
ARRIVAL IN OLD
MEGAOPOLIS..."



"...INSIDE OF **THIRTY**
MINUTES."





KNUCKLES ZEE ECHIDNA!

DON'T FORGET AMY ROSE, VECTOR, JULIE-SU AND MIGHTY...
...BECAUSE THEY'RE LOOKING TO KICK SOME MAJOR SWAT-BOT BUTT ALONG WITH ME!



WE WELCOME ALL OF YOU, EEZ EET TRUE WHAT MY MEN TELL ME? EEZ SON-EEK... ALIVE?

NOW MORE THAN EVER, GENERAL!

TRÉS BON!

"ZAT FACT ALONE SHALL GIVE US GREATER STRENGTH ON TODAY'S BATTLEFIELD..."

CASTLE ACORN KNOTHOLE CITY

THE CITIZENS
HAVE BEGUN *MOVING*
INTO THE FALLOUT
SHELTERS WITHOUT
INCIDENT, SIRE.

SO FAR SO
GOOD, SIR
CHARLES.

NOW, I'D LIKE FOR ALL
YOU TO ACCOMPANY MY
ELITE GUARD TO THE
ROYAL BUNKER AT ONCE.
THERE, YOU'LL
BE *SAFE*.

NO WAY,
DADDY. I'M NOT
LEAVING.

ALICIA--
REASON
WITH
HER,

I CAN'T, MAXIMILLIAN,
NOT WHEN SHE'S *RIGHT*.
SALLY AND I AREN'T GOING
ANYWHERE WITHOUT YOU.

BERNIE, CHUCK, AND I
WOULD LIKE TO STAY AS WELL,
YOUR HIGHNESS.

~SIGH~ VERY WELL,
JULES. MR. PRESIDENT, HAVE
YOU *BEGUN* TO EVACUATE
STATION SQUARE?

~Ahem~ IN THE INTEREST
OF *PREVENTING* A WIDE-
SPREAD PANIC, WE'VE OPTED
NOT TO INFORM THE GENERAL
PUBLIC OF THE IMPENDING
ATOMIC THREAT.

YOUR WAYS *BAFFLE*
ME, MR. PRESIDENT.

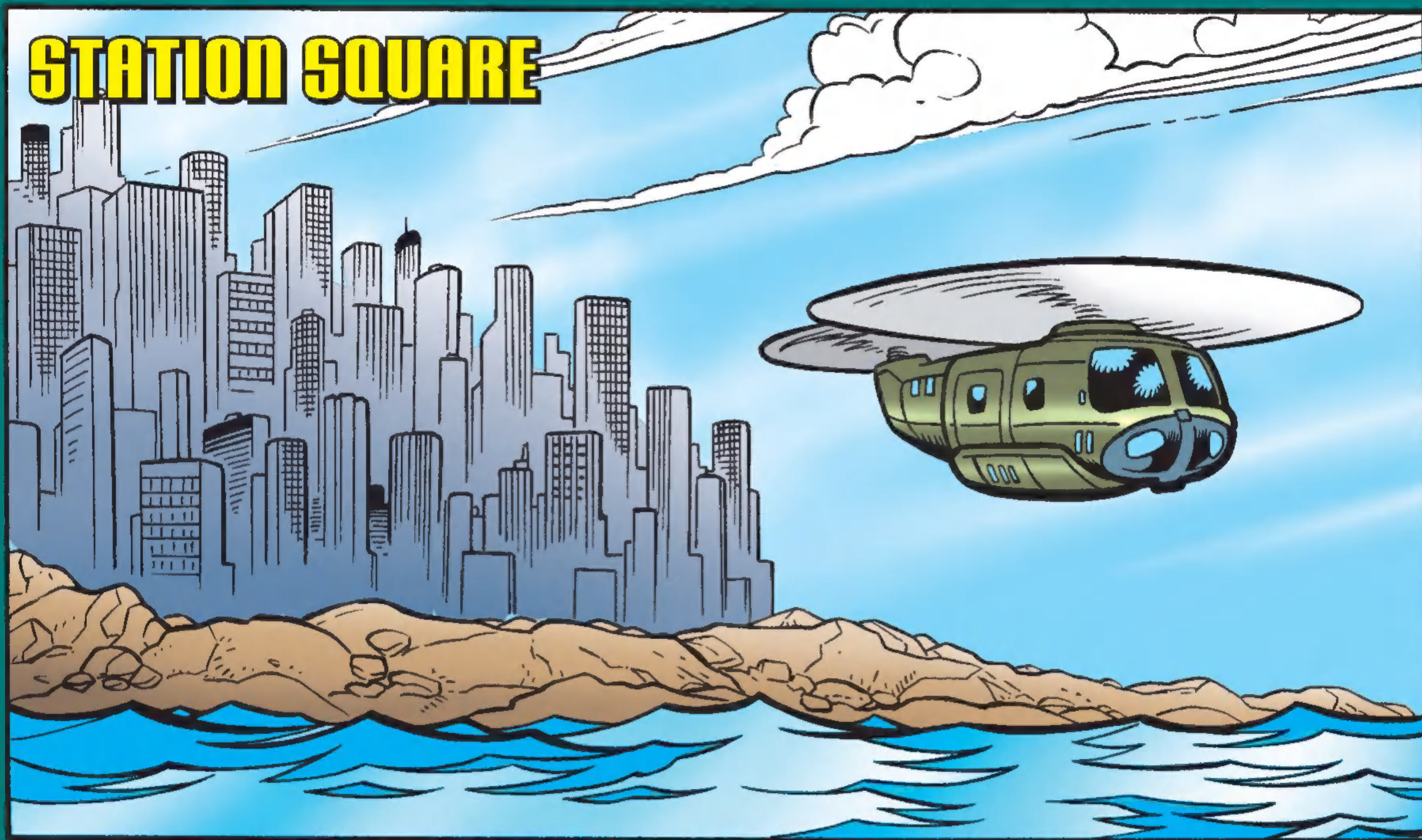
GUESS WE HOMO-
SAPIENS JUST DON'T
THINK QUITE THE SAME
WAY YOU *MOBO SAPIENS*
DO, MAX.

BYGONES. TO
BRING YOU UP TO *SPEED*
I'VE DISPATCHED TWO
STRIKE TEAMS--ONE TO
OLD MEGAOPOLIS TO STOP
THE LAUNCH...

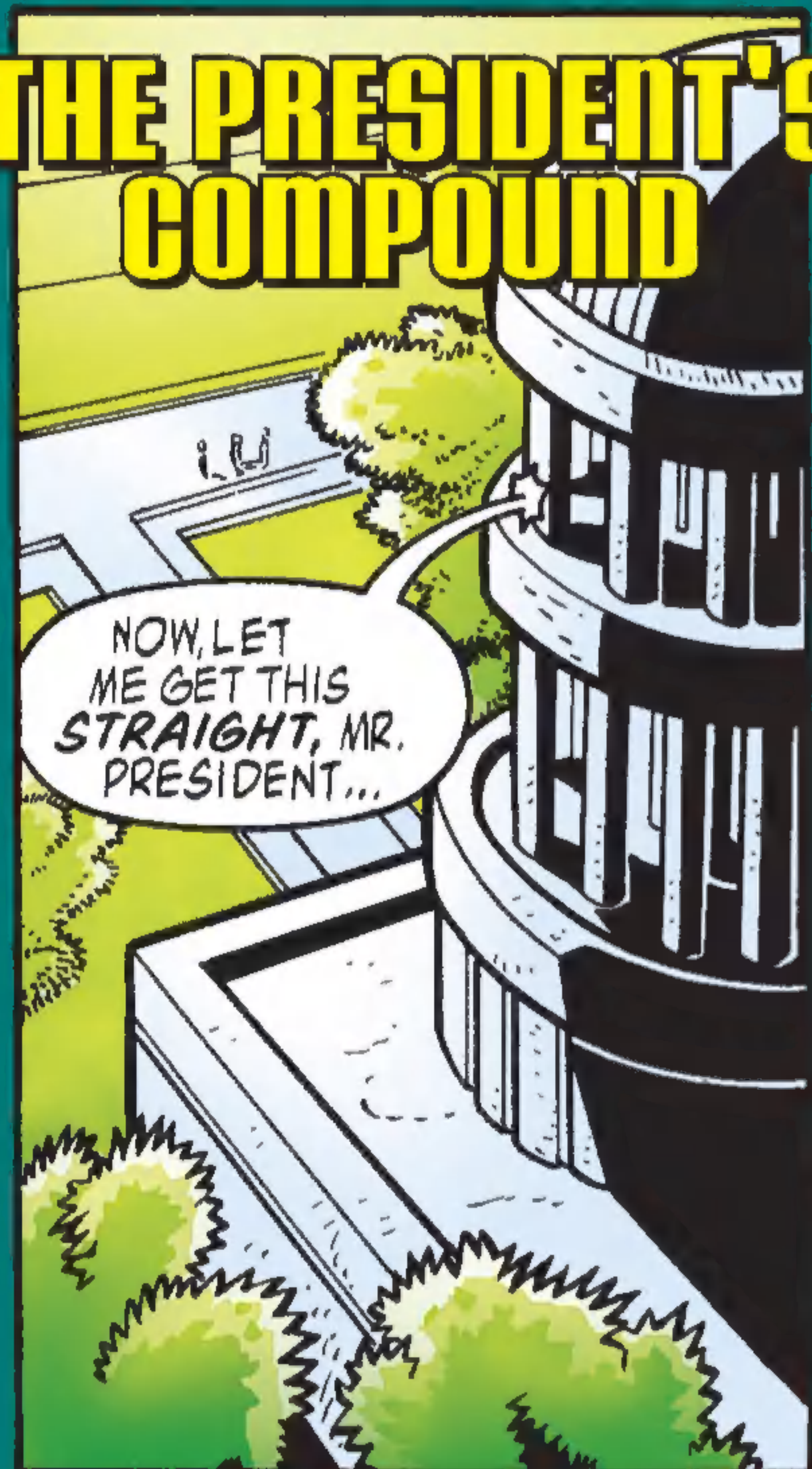
...AND
ANOTHER TO
DEFEND
ROBOTROPOLIS
AGAINST THE
SWAT-BOT
ARMY.

WE
APPECIATE YOUR
EFFORTS, MAX,
AND I ASSURE
YOU THAT MY
GOVERNMENT
IS DOING ALL IT
CAN TO *HELP*.

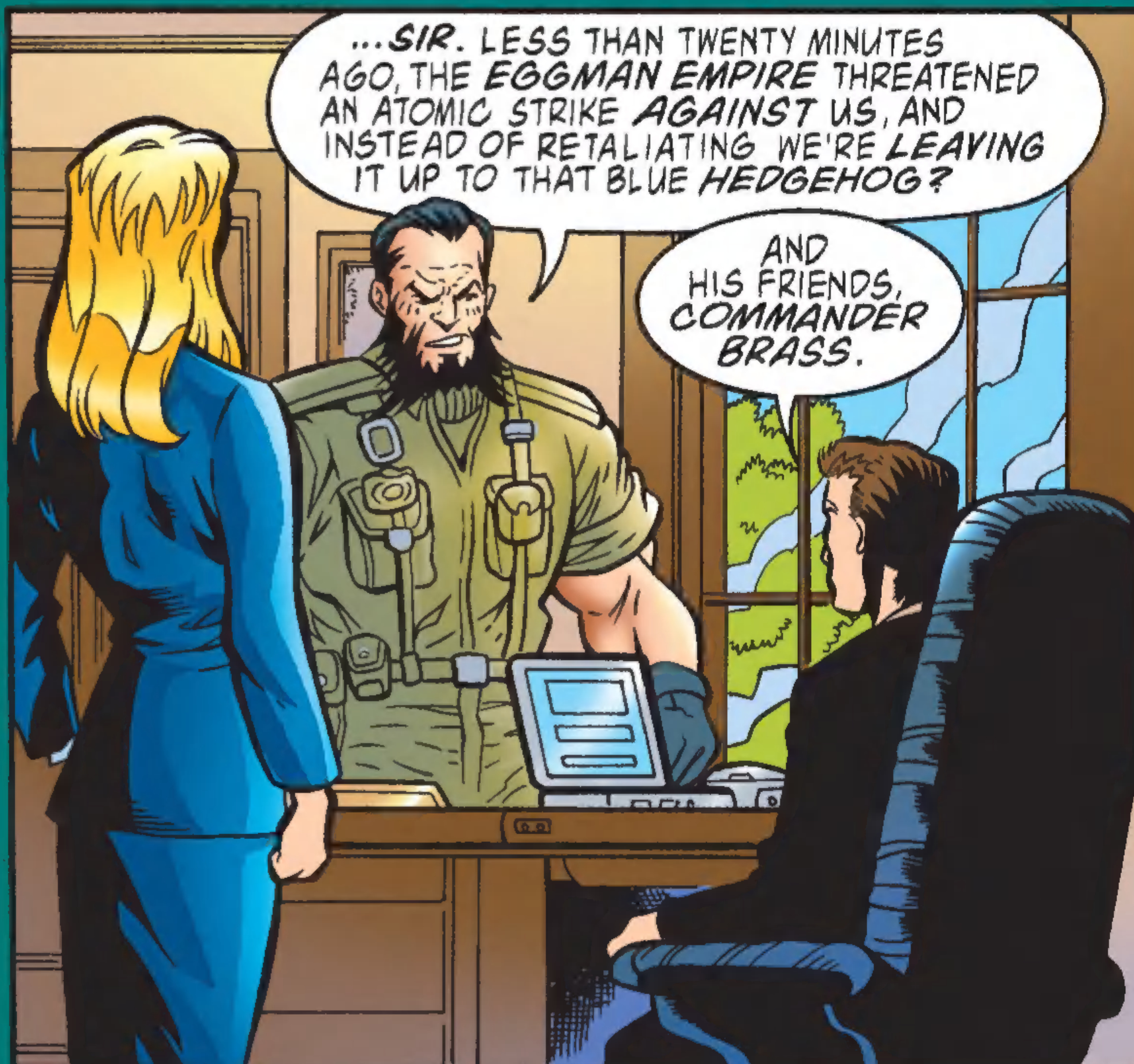
STATION SQUARE



THE PRESIDENT'S COMPOUND



NOW, LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT, MR. PRESIDENT...

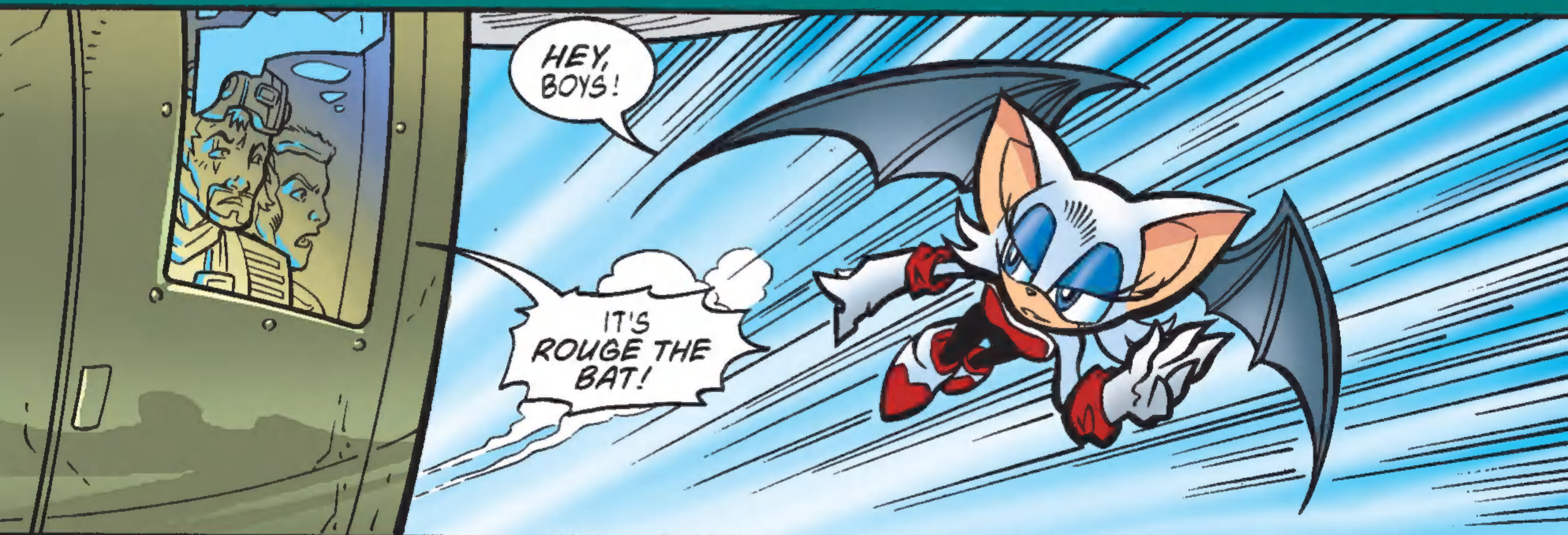


...SIR. LESS THAN TWENTY MINUTES AGO, THE EGGMAN EMPIRE THREATENED AN ATOMIC STRIKE AGAINST US, AND INSTEAD OF RETALIATING WE'RE LEAVING IT UP TO THAT BLUE HEDGEHOG?

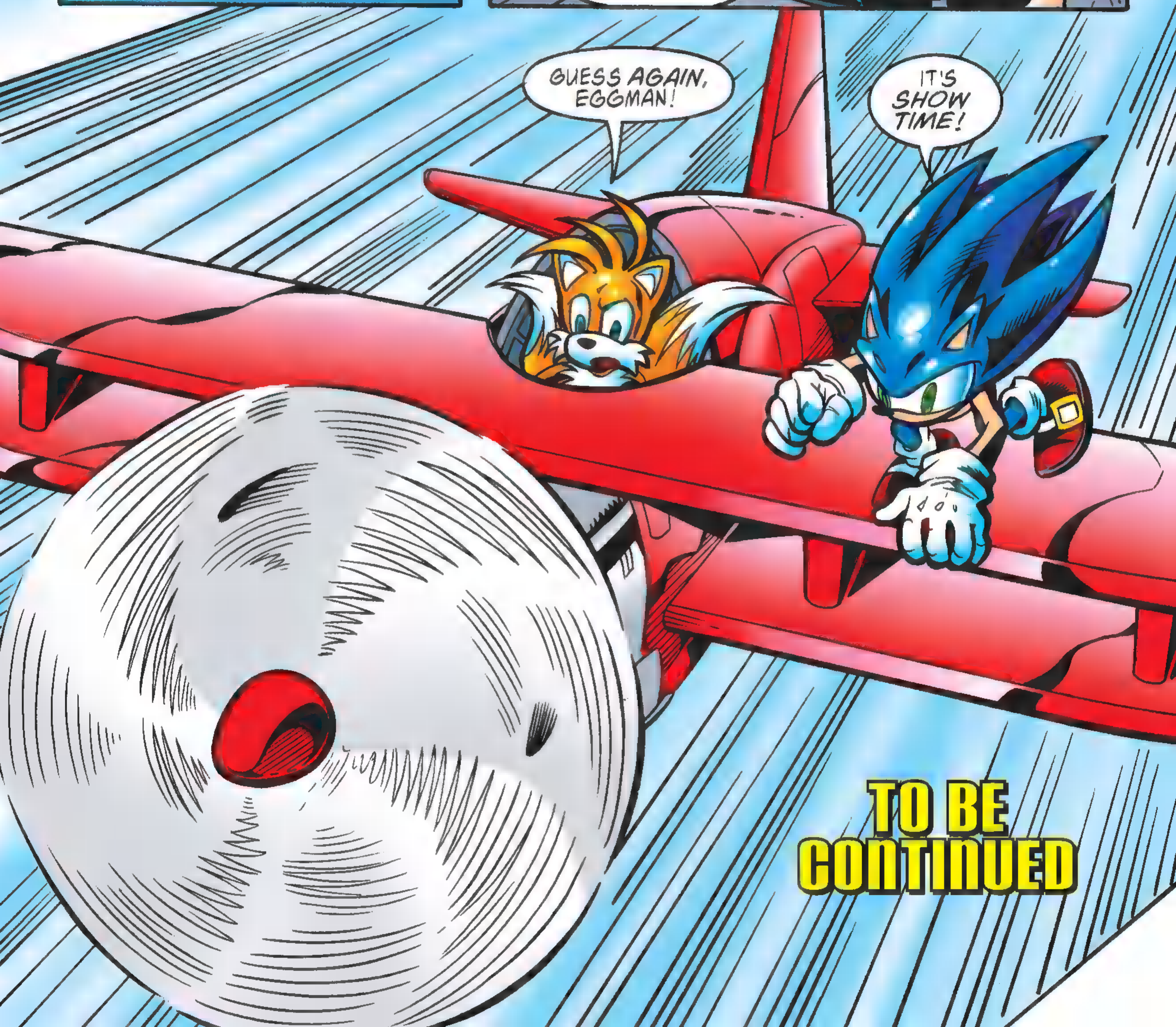
AND HIS FRIENDS, COMMANDER BRASS.



MR. PRESIDENT, THE XORDA ATTACK LAST YEAR LEFT OUR CITY EXPOSED... VULNERABLE. G.U.N IS SERIOUSLY URGING YOU TO RECONSIDER YOUR DECISION.



OLD MEGACAPOLIS HARBOR



SINCE TIME
IMMEMORIAL, MANY
HAVE SOUGHT TO KNOW
THE **FUTURE** -- WHETHER
OUT OF PERSONAL GAIN,
THE COMMON GOOD OR
SIMPLY NOTHING MORE
THAN CURIOSITY!

SINCE MY
INITIATION INTO
MYSTIC ARTS, I
HAVE EVER BEEN
AWARE OF THE DES-
TINY OF THOSE NEAR
AND DEAR TO ME!

YOU WERE
BORN AND RAISED
TO BE A **QUEEN**,
SALLY!

BUT
ME?

I STAND NOW
AT THE **CROSS-
ROADS** OF
WORLDS ABOUT
TO **COLLIDE** --

-- OF **SECRETS**
LONG HELD NOW
REVEALED --

-- AT
LONG LAST,
ON --

I THRIVE ON
ACTION -- **FAST**
MOVES AND
ADVENTURE!

LISTENING TO
EVERYONE RAG
AND MAKING
DECISIONS JUST
ISN'T MY BAG!

INDUBIUS

25 YEARS LATER



FOR TODAY'S
SOCIAL STUDIES
LESSON, CLASS--

--WE
WILL USE *ANGEL
ISLAND* AS OUR
EXAMPLE!

ANGEL ISLAND
HAS EXISTED IN ITS PRESENT
FORM FOR WELL OVER HALF
A MILLENNIA.

PROBABLY
SEEMS LIKE *ANCIENT*
HISTORY TO YOU PEOPLE,
BUT ACTUALLY IT'S JUST
A BLIP IN THE
ENTIRE EXISTENCE
OF *MOBIUS*!

UNTIL RECENTLY,
IT HAD ONLY ONE CITY--
ECHIDNAOPOLIS--

--AND WAS COMPOSED
OF A NUMBER OF ECO-SYSTEMS
REFERRED TO AS "ZONES."

DURING THE PAST TWENTY
YEARS, HOWEVER, WE HAVE SEEN THE
EXTRAORDINARY DEVELOPMENT OF OUR
SELF-CONTAINED *BIOSPHERE*.

THE MOST NOTABLE
HAS BEEN THE DEVELOPMENT
AND GROWTH OF THE
ISLAND'S GATEWAY CITY
OF *PORTAL*--

-- WHICH HAS
FUNCTIONED AS OUR
CHIEF LINK OF COMMERCE
AND TRAVEL WITH THE
MAINLAND CONTINENTS
BELOW.



AT THE SAME TIME,
ECHIDNAOPOLIS EVOLVED
INTO THE CENTRAL CHAIR OF
GOVERNMENT FOR ECHIDNAS
EVERYWHERE--

-- AND HAS COME TO BE
RECOGNIZED AS THE OLDEST
DEMOCRACY ON MOBIUS !

YES,
RIKI-LE?

IF WE'RE A DEMOCRACY,
HOW COME ON THE WORLD MAP IT SAYS
REPUBLIC OF ANGEL ISLAND ?

THAT'S A GOOD
QUESTION. ANYONE HAVE AN
ANSWER ? CLASS ?

JAKER.

BECAUSE THE ECHIDNAS
DIDN'T BELIEVE IN A MONARCHY,
UNLIKE MOST **BACKWARD**
CULTURES ON MOBIUS !

NOT QUITE.
ANYONE ELSE?

LARA-SU ?

BECAUSE THE CITIZENS
ELECT THE REPRESENTATIVES TO
MAKE LAWS AND DECISIONS!

VERY
GOOD!

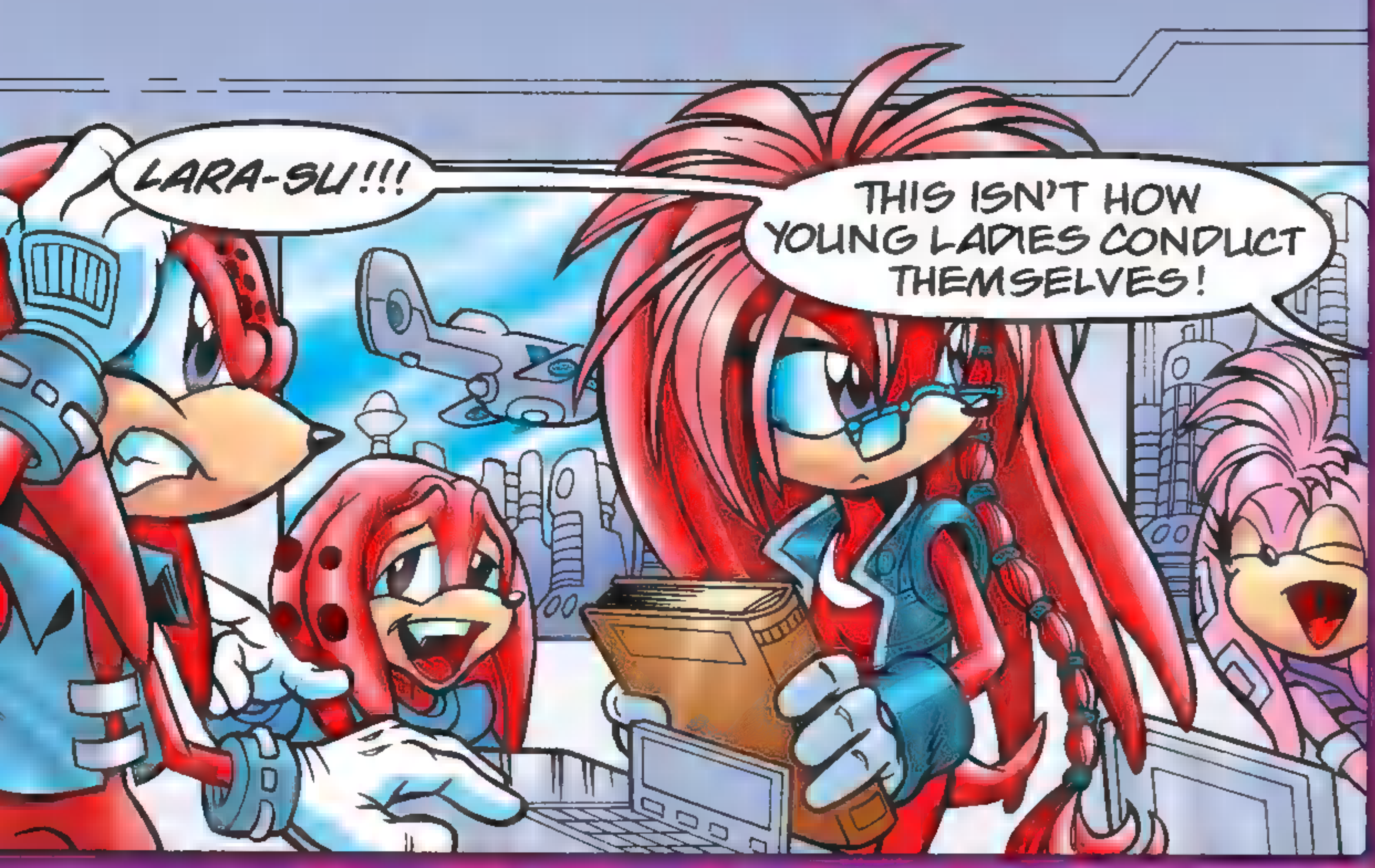
WHAT ABOUT THE
GUARDIAN, MR. PERRIWINKLE,
WHO ELECTED HIM ?

SPECIAL AS IN
WHAT ? YOU MEAN
WE'RE GONNA HAVE
TO SOMEDAY BOW
TO MISS SUNSHINE
HERE ?

AH, THE GUARDIAN--
NOW HE IS ACCORDED A
SPECIAL STATUS IN OUR
SOCIETY, RUTAN!

YOU BEAST!!!

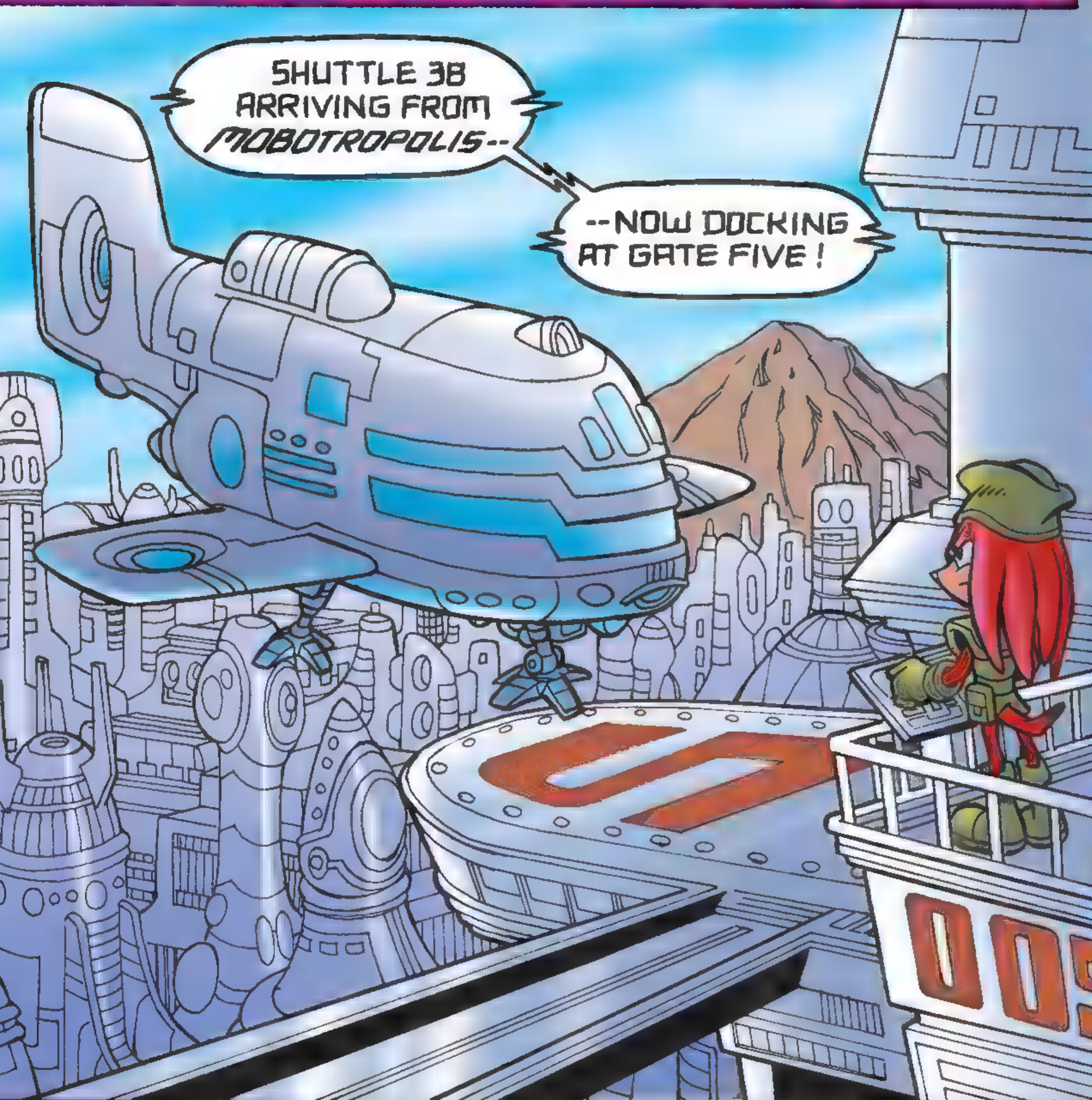
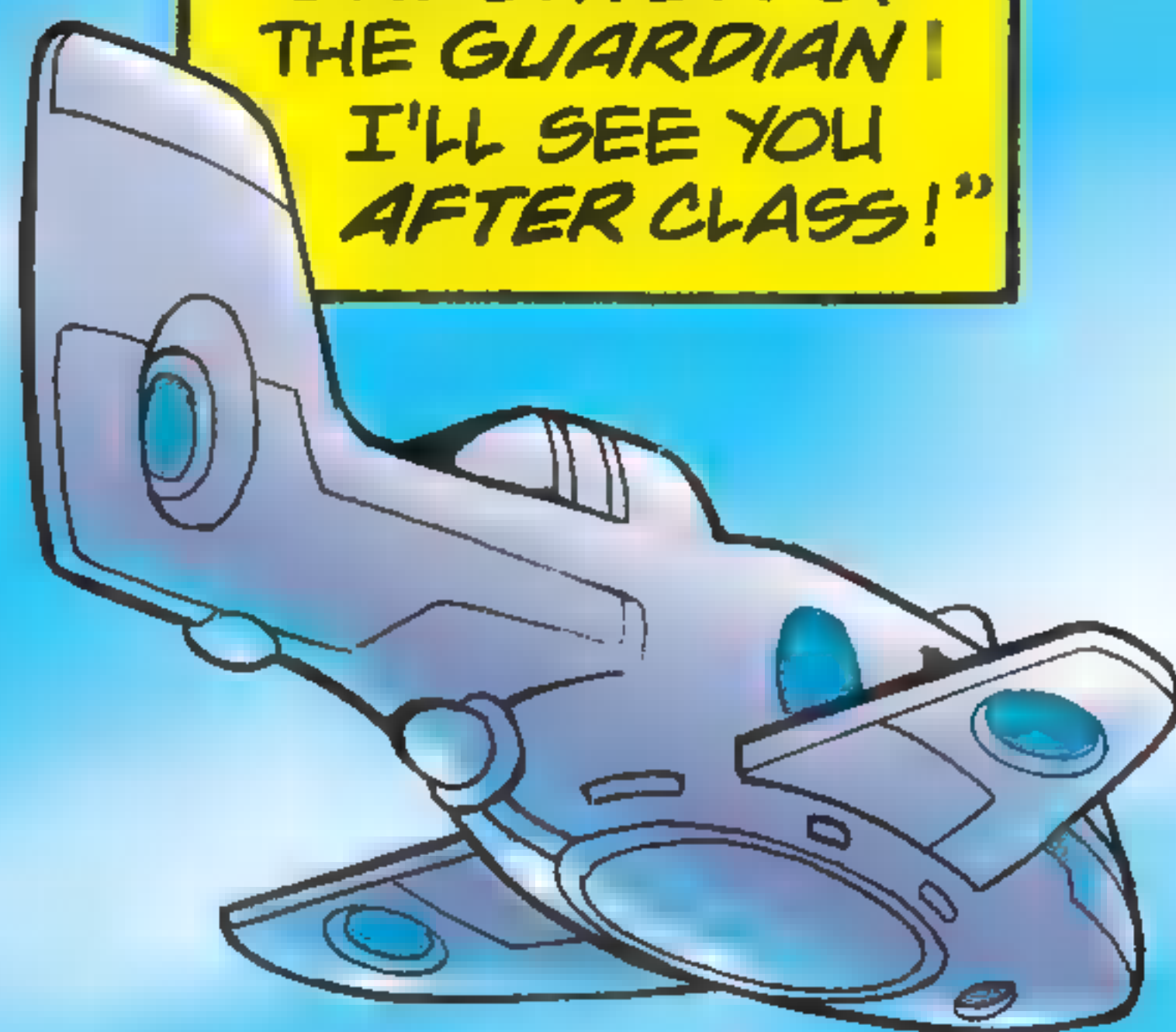
THWAK!



LARA-SU!!!

THIS ISN'T HOW
YOUNG LADIES CONDUCT
THEMSELVES!

"ESPECIALLY THE
DAUGHTER OF
THE GUARDIAN!
I'LL SEE YOU
AFTER CLASS!"



SHUTTLE 3B
ARRIVING FROM
MOBOTROPOLIS--

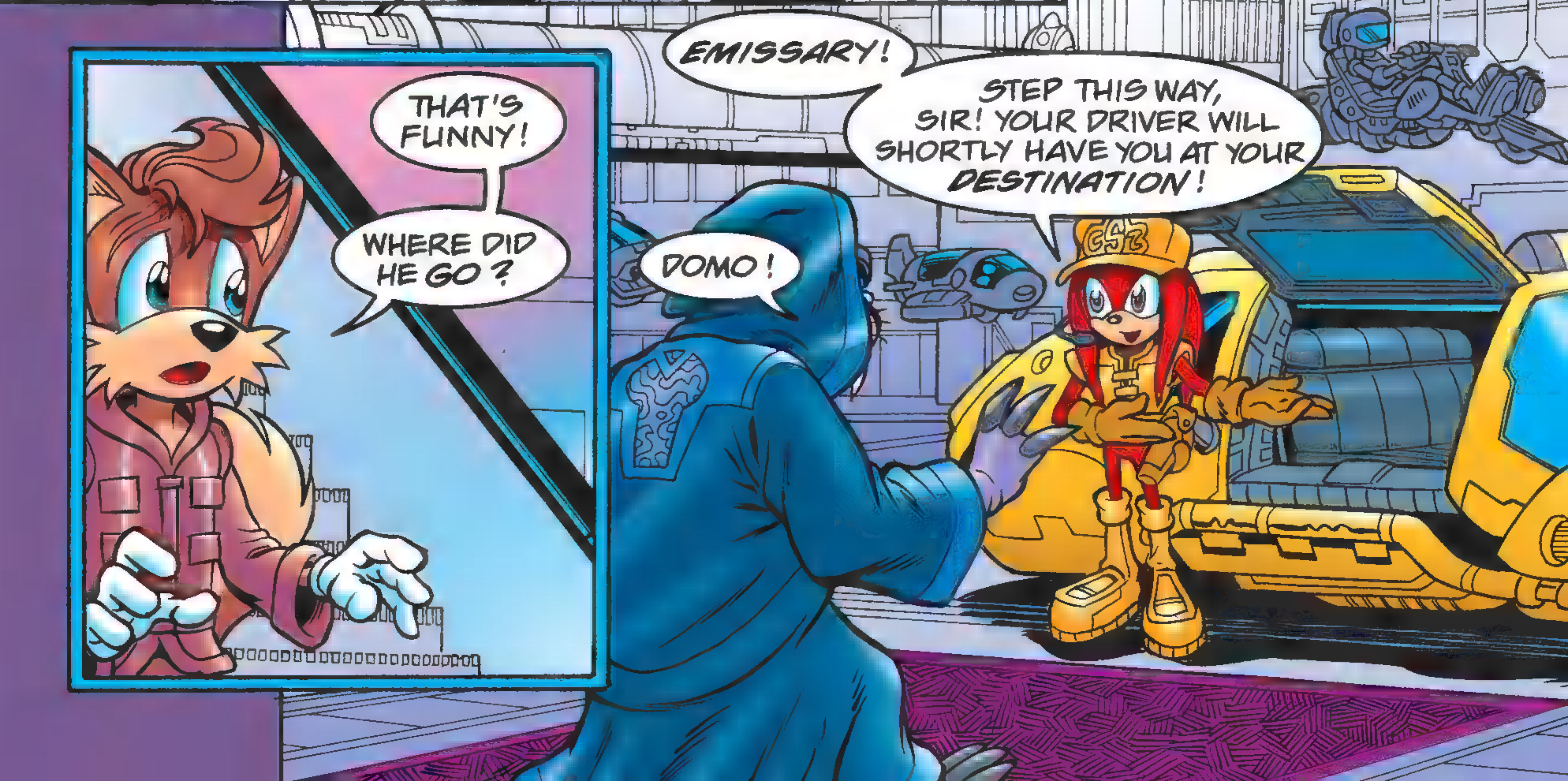
--NOW DOCKING
AT GATE FIVE!



THIS YOUR
FIRST TRIP,
FRIEND?

I COME HERE
ON BUSINESS ALL
THE TIME!

YES. IT IS
A BEAUTIFUL
DAY, ISN'T
IT?



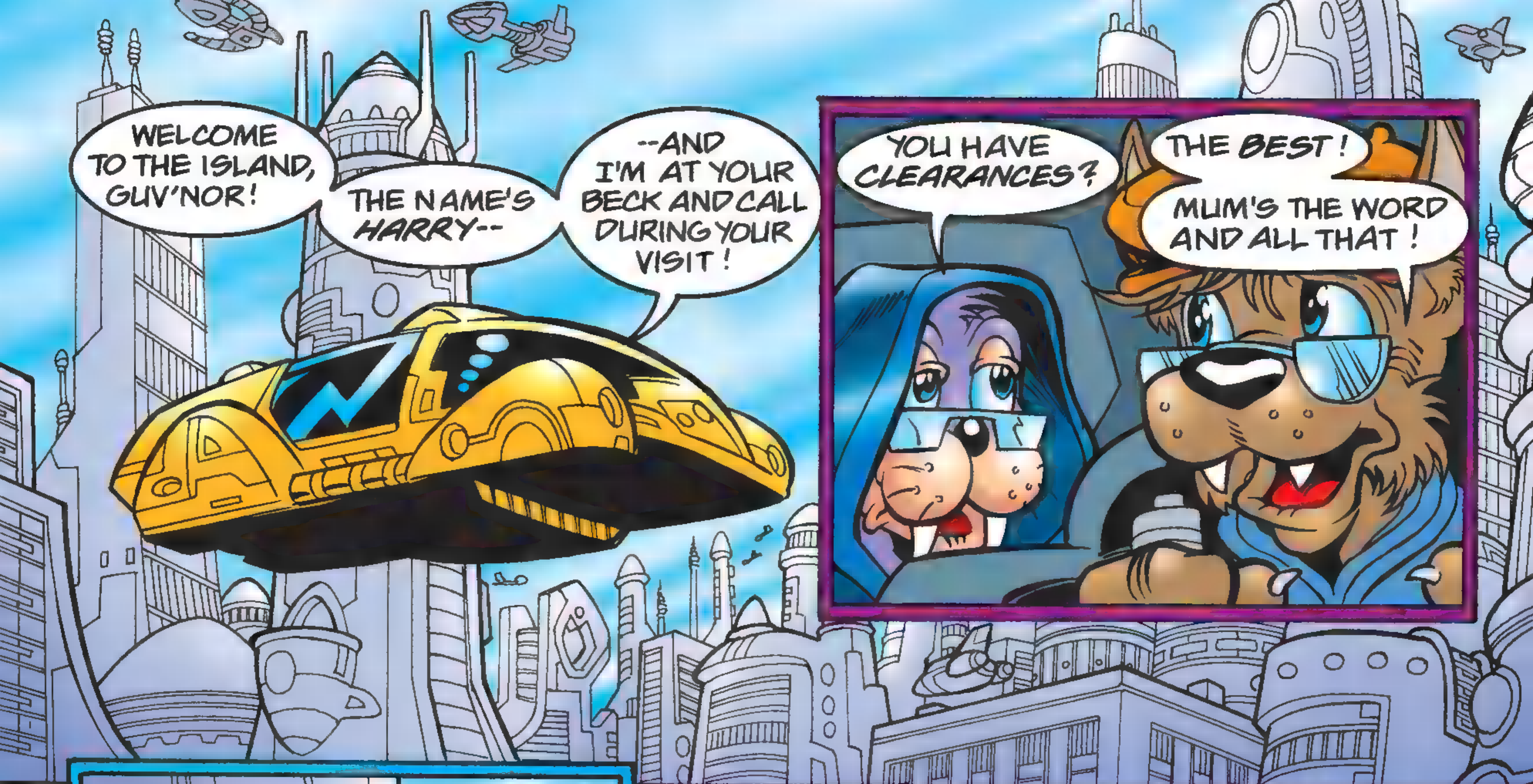
EMISSARY!

STEP THIS WAY,
SIR! YOUR DRIVER WILL
SHORTLY HAVE YOU AT YOUR
DESTINATION!

DOMO!

THAT'S
FUNNY!

WHERE DID
HE GO?



WELCOME
TO THE ISLAND,
GUV'NOR!

THE NAME'S
HARRY--

--AND
I'M AT YOUR
BECK AND CALL
DURING YOUR
VISIT!

YOU HAVE
CLEARANCES?

THE BEST!

MUM'S THE WORD
AND ALL THAT!



GOOD.

WAIT HERE,
THEN, FOR MY
RETURN!

I'M HERE ON BEHALF
OF THE KING AND QUEEN,
WHO WOULD LIKE TO MEET
WITH THE GUARDIAN AND
HIS FAMILY!

DINNER,
EH?

WHATEVER
HAPPENED TO
THE GOOD
OL' DAYS
WHEN
EVERYBODY
DIDN'T HAVE
TO STAND ON
CEREMONY?

I
GUESS WE
ALL GREW
UP!

IT'S
BEEN A WHILE,
ESPIO!

I'LL SAY,
ROTOR! WHAT
BRINGS YOU
TO TOWN?

BUSINESS
OR PERSONAL?

TELL SONIC AND
SALLY NEXT SUNDAY
WOULD BE FINE!

WILL
THEY BE
BRINGING THE
CHILDREN?



AND?

He said
of course--

--and
added *Sonia*
and *Manik*
were
especially
excited at
seeing
Lara-Su
again!

... SIGH...

Is that a
problem?

JULIE-SU
MENTIONED SOMETHING
ABOUT A BOY
HAVING A CRUSH ON
LARA-SU!

You plan on
doing some *royal*
matchmaking?

HARDLY!

Maybe
I should tell
Juanita!

She'd
love to date
a prince!

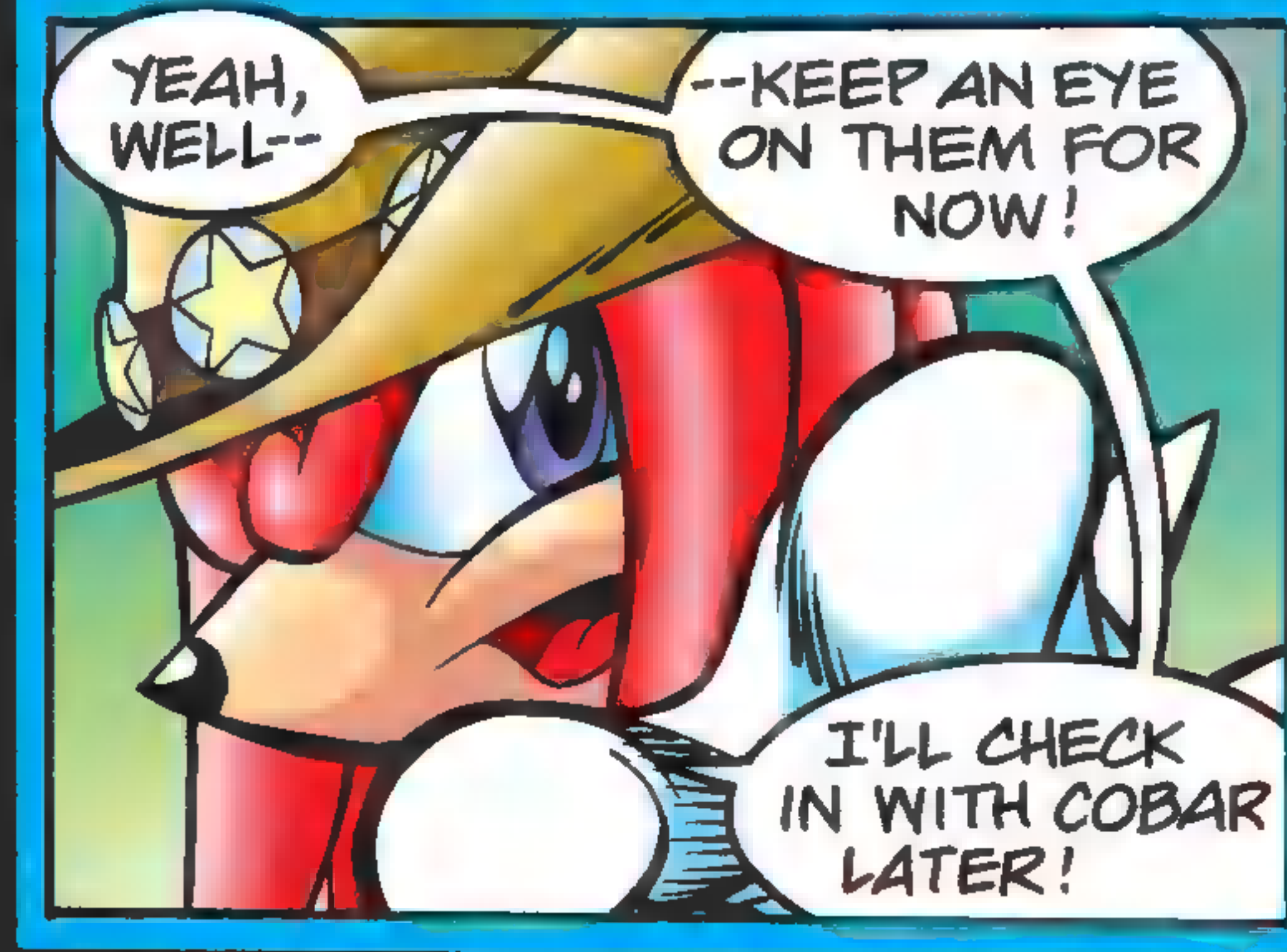
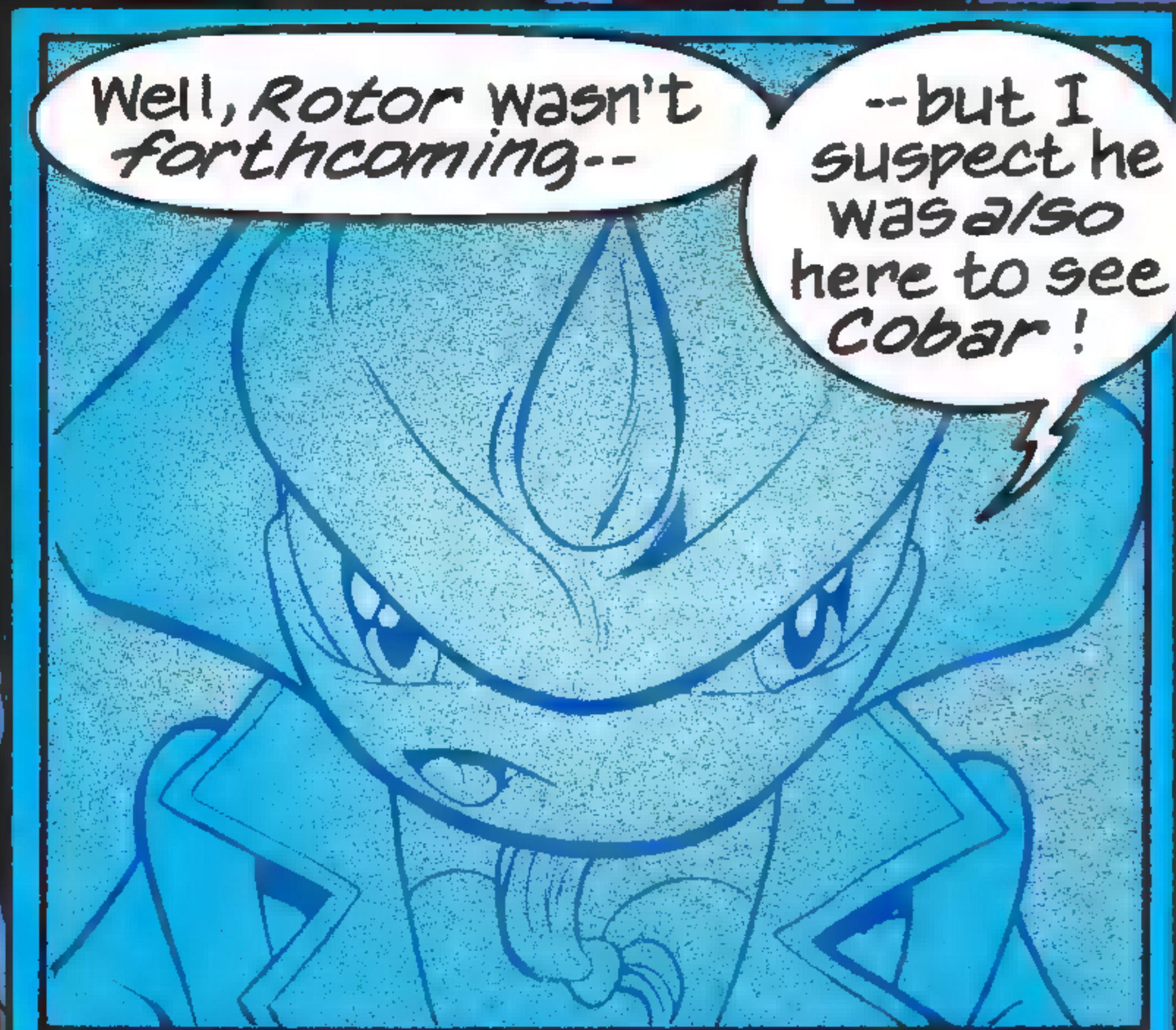
AT LEAST
THEY'RE CLOSER
IN AGE!

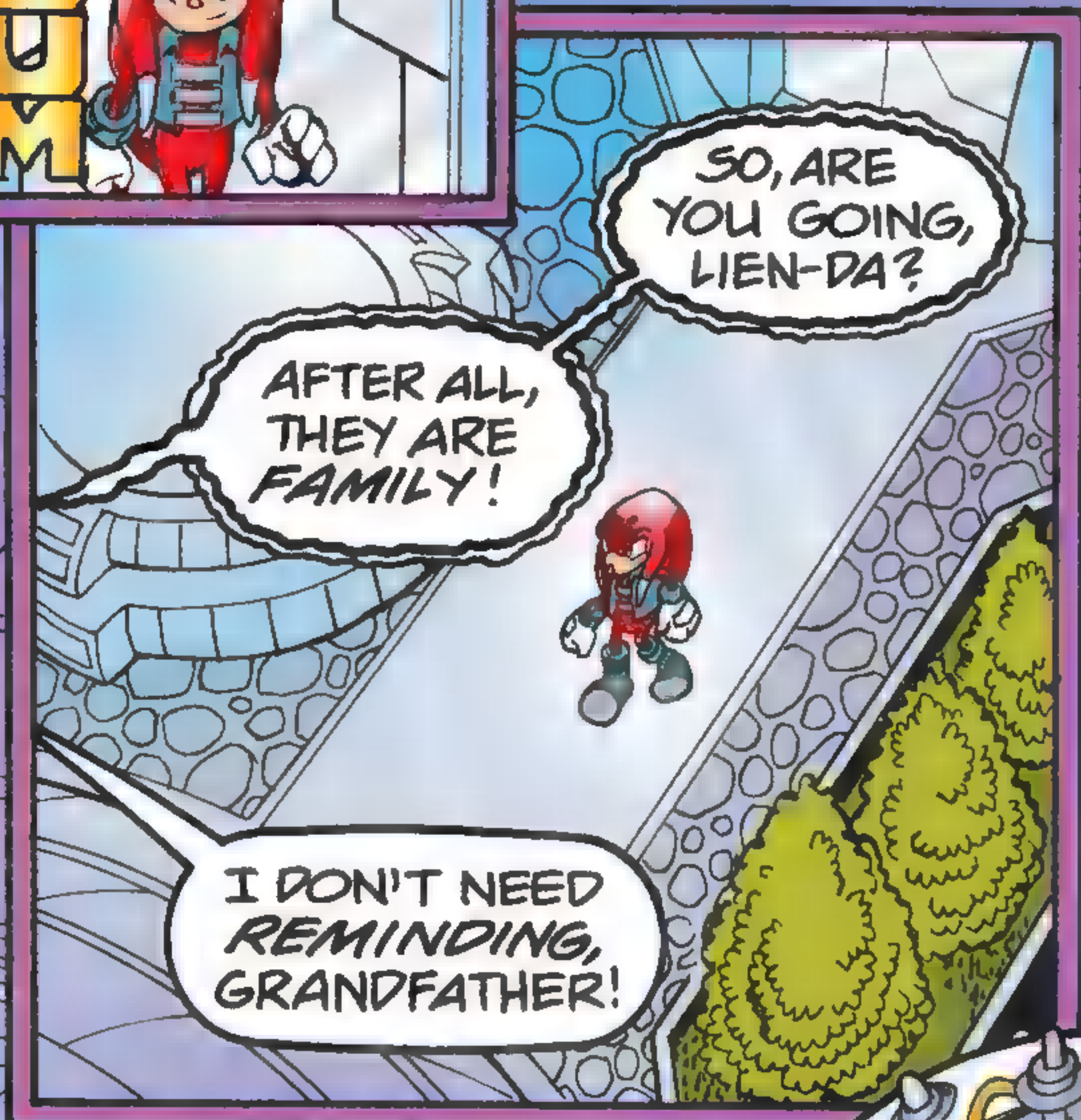
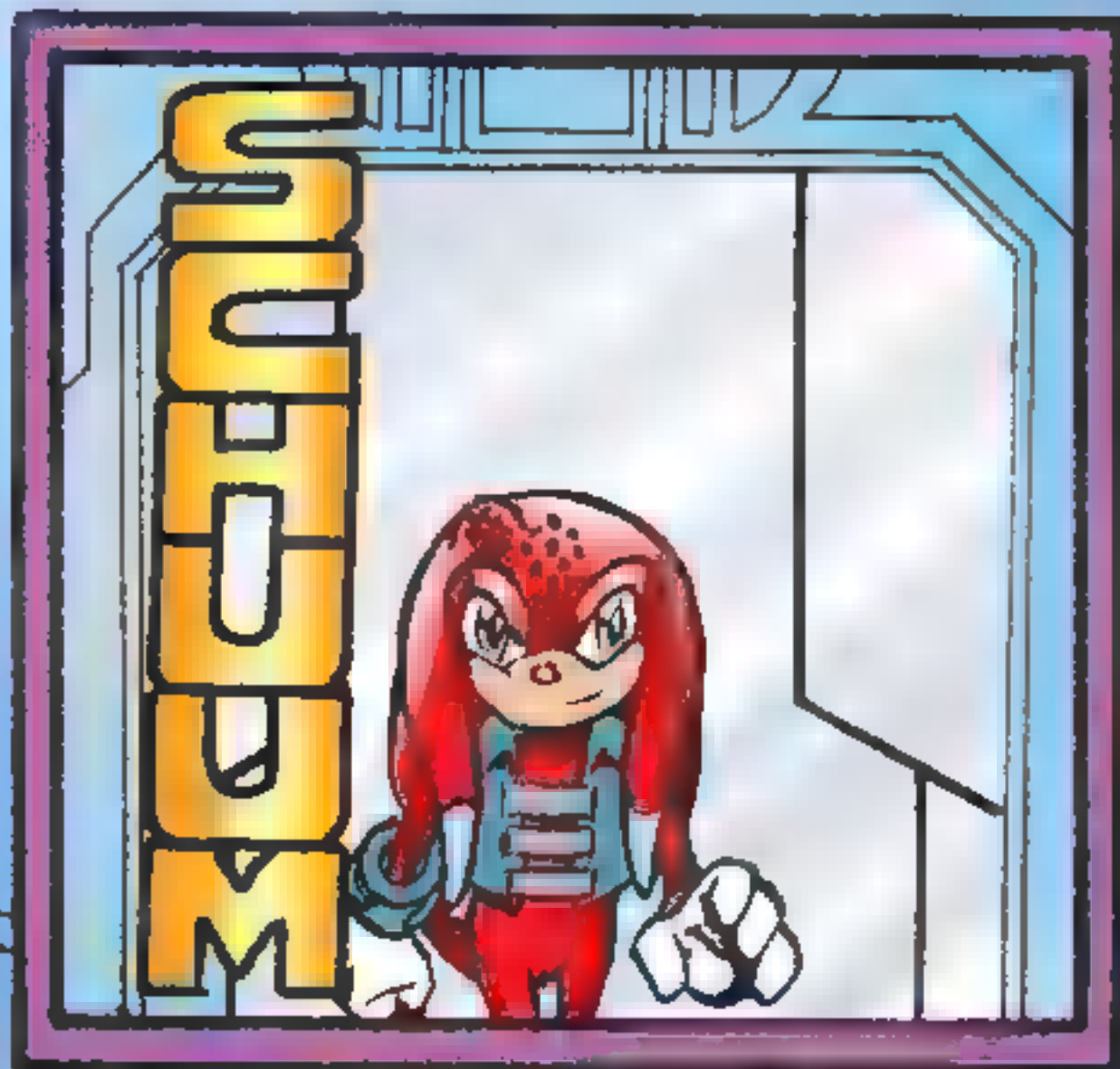
BESIDES, YOU
APPROVE OF HER
DATING AT HER
AGE?

Bite
your tongue,
Knux!

ANYTHING
ELSE?





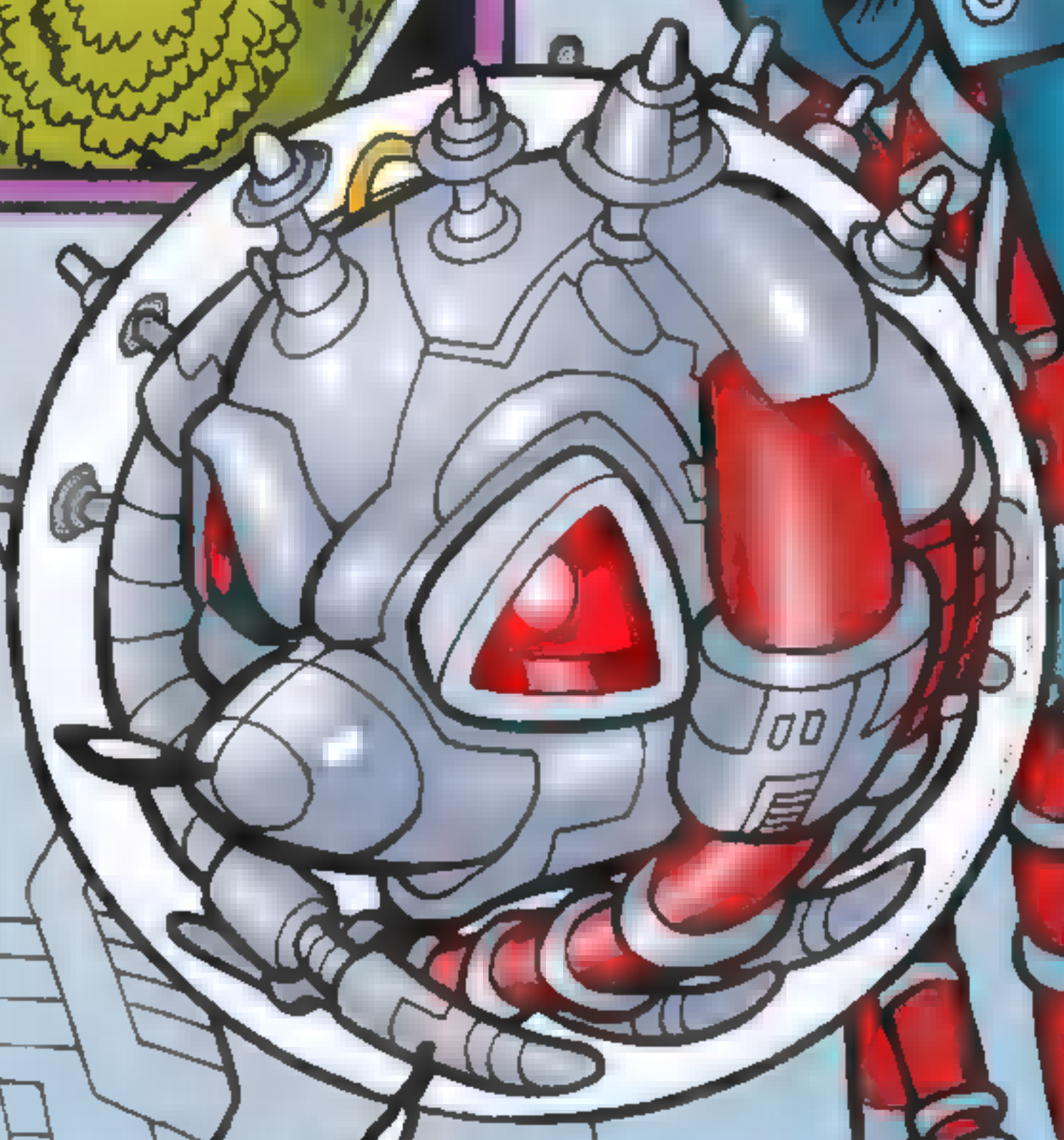


SO, ARE YOU GOING, LIEN-DA?

I DON'T NEED REMINDING, GRANDFATHER!

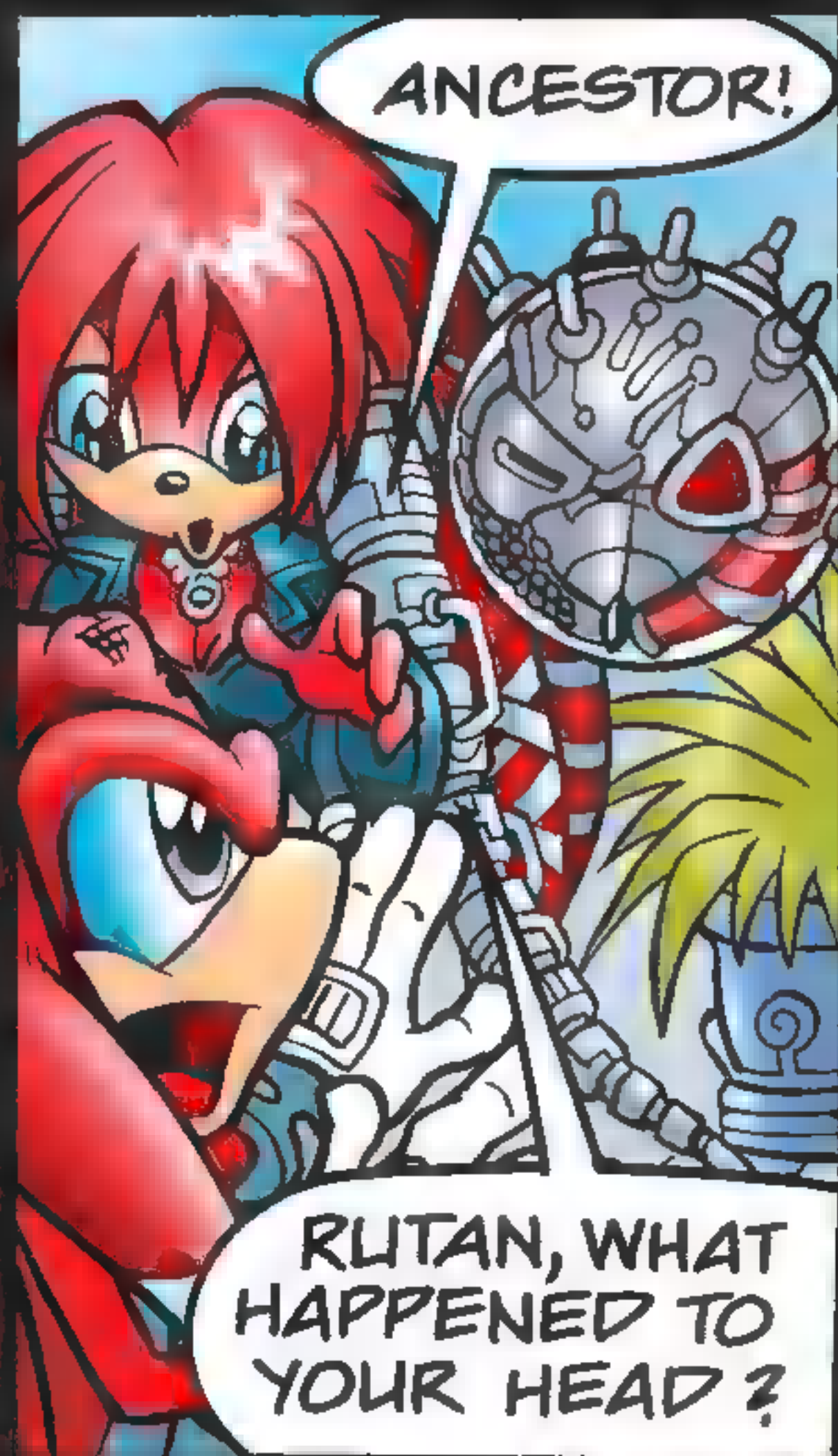


BUT IT'S NOT LIKE JULIE-SU AND I HAVE BEEN ON THE BEST OF TERMS!



NOW WOULD BE AS GOOD A TIME AS ANY TO MEND SOME FENCES!!

HELLO, RUTAN!



ANCESTOR!

RUTAN, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR HEAD?



PLEASE, MOTHER, IT'S NOTHING!

LEAVE IT ALONE!



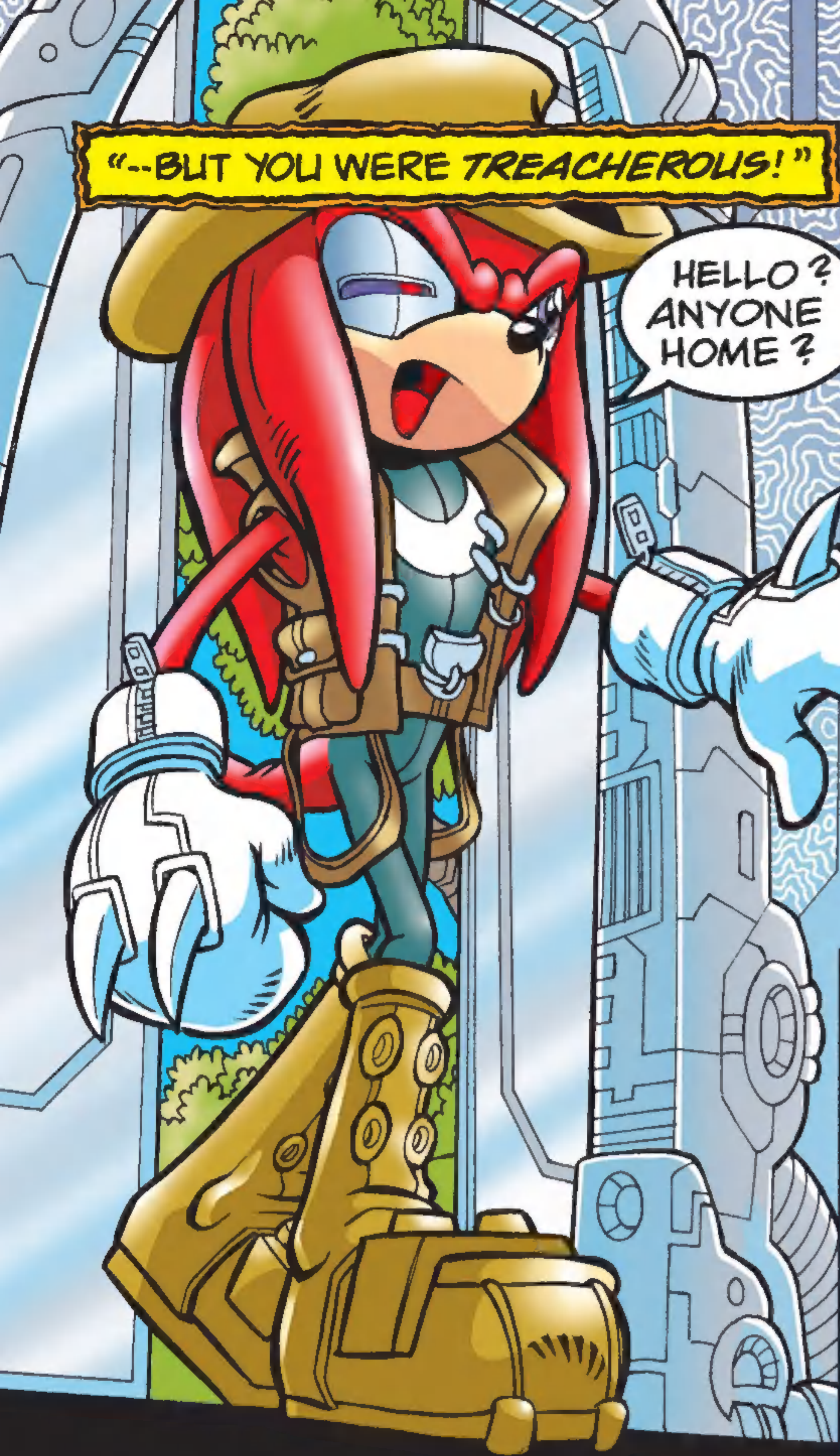
DID YOU GET INTO A FIGHT?

NO!



I DON'T RECALL KRAGOK OR I BEHAVING SO!

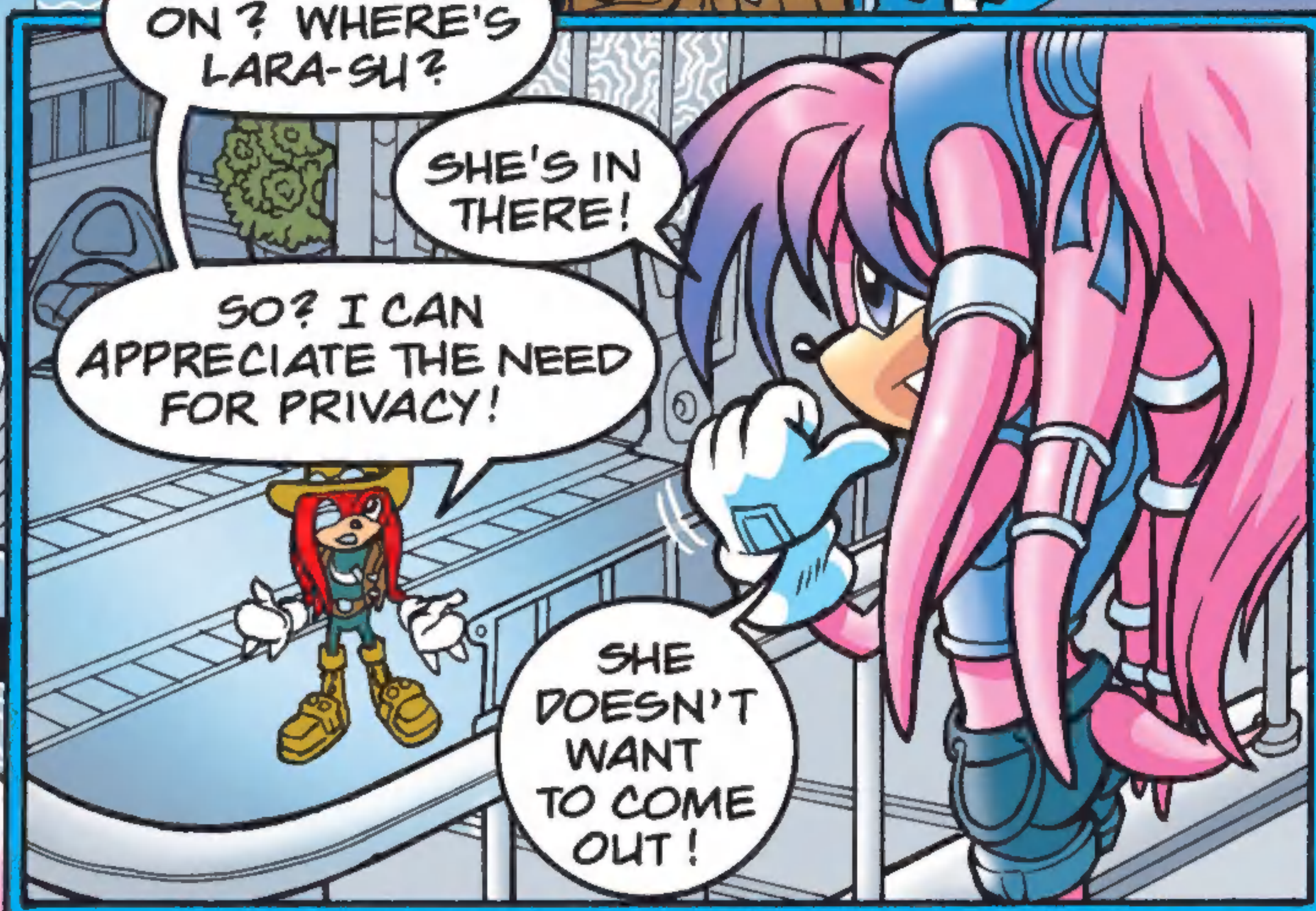
NEITHER OF YOU WERE TEMPERAMENTAL--



HELLO?
ANYONE
HOME?



UP HERE!



WHAT'S GOING
ON? WHERE'S
LARA-SU?

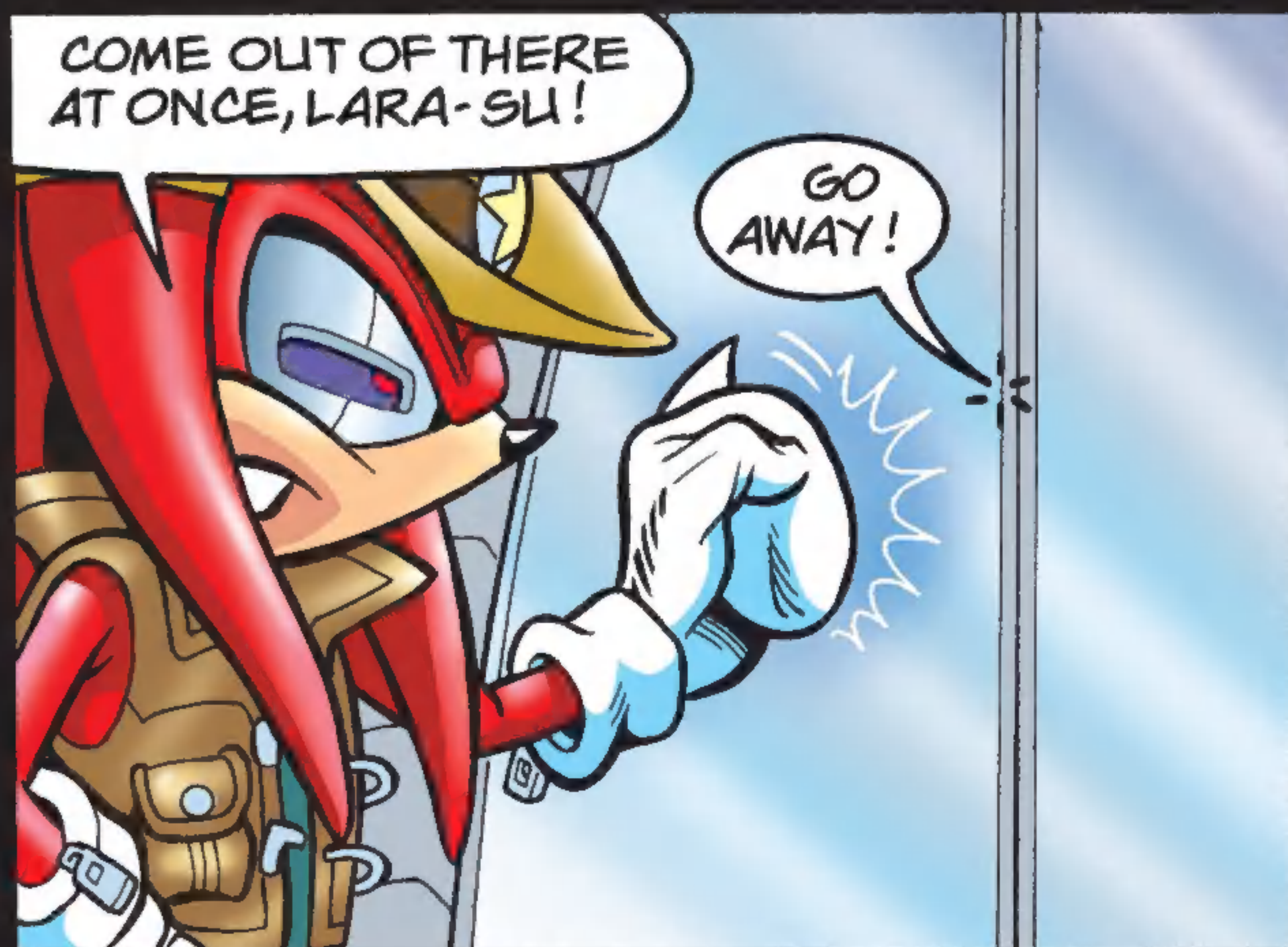
SHE'S IN
THERE!

SO? I CAN
APPRECIATE THE NEED
FOR PRIVACY!

SHE
DOESN'T
WANT
TO COME
OUT!



FOR SOME REASON,
SHE DOESN'T WANT TO
GO THROUGH WITH THE
UNVEILING!



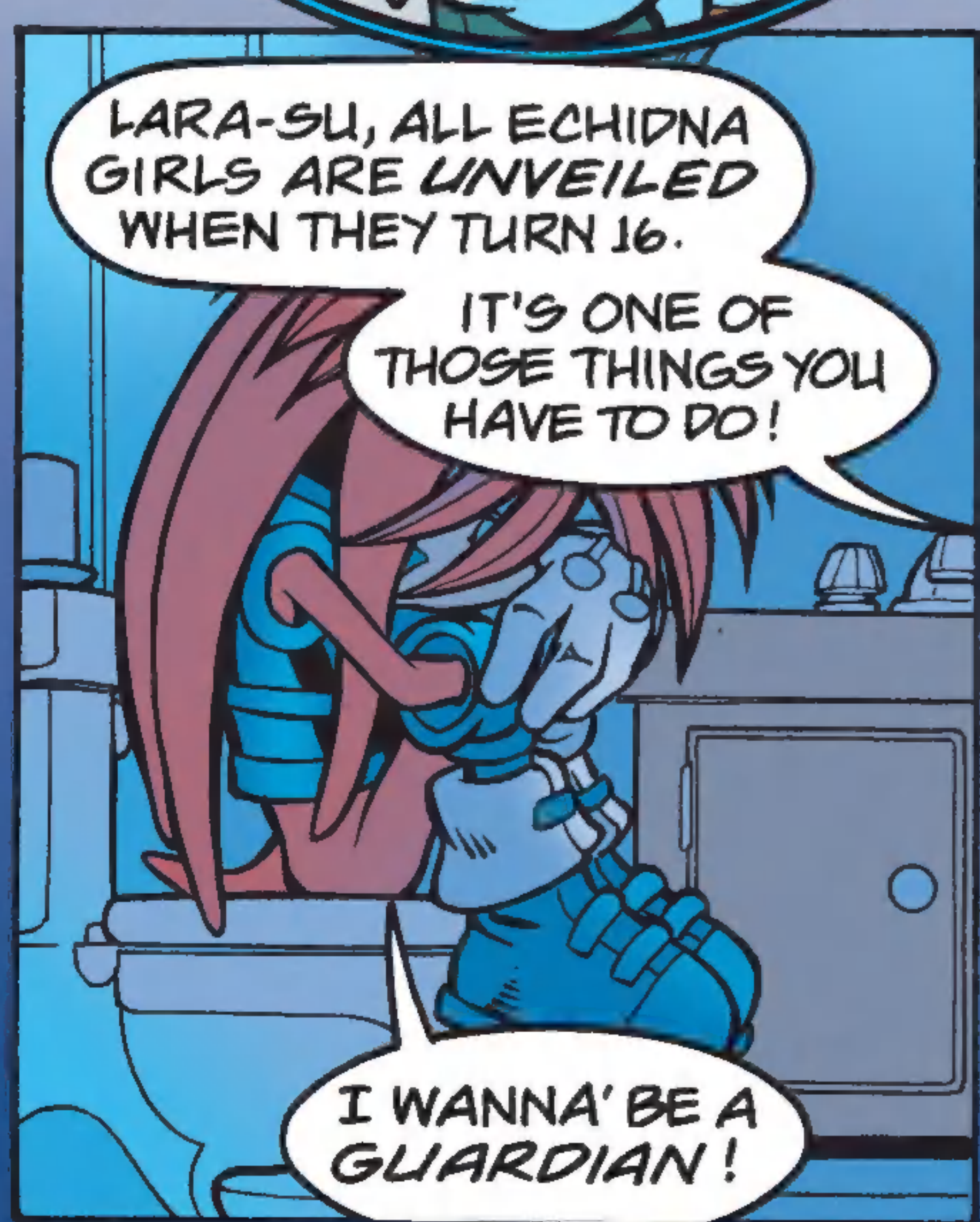
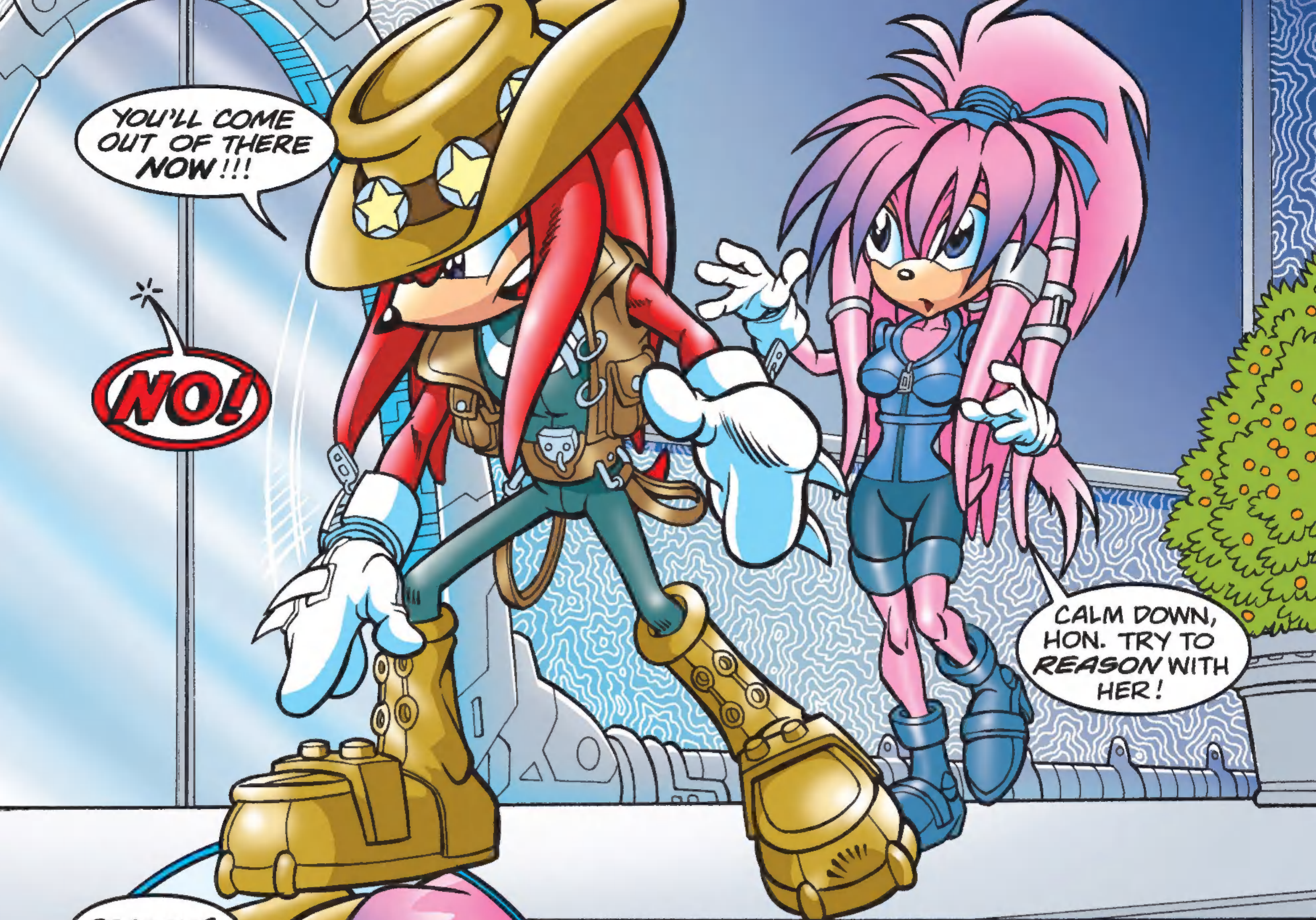
COME OUT OF THERE
AT ONCE, LARA-SU!

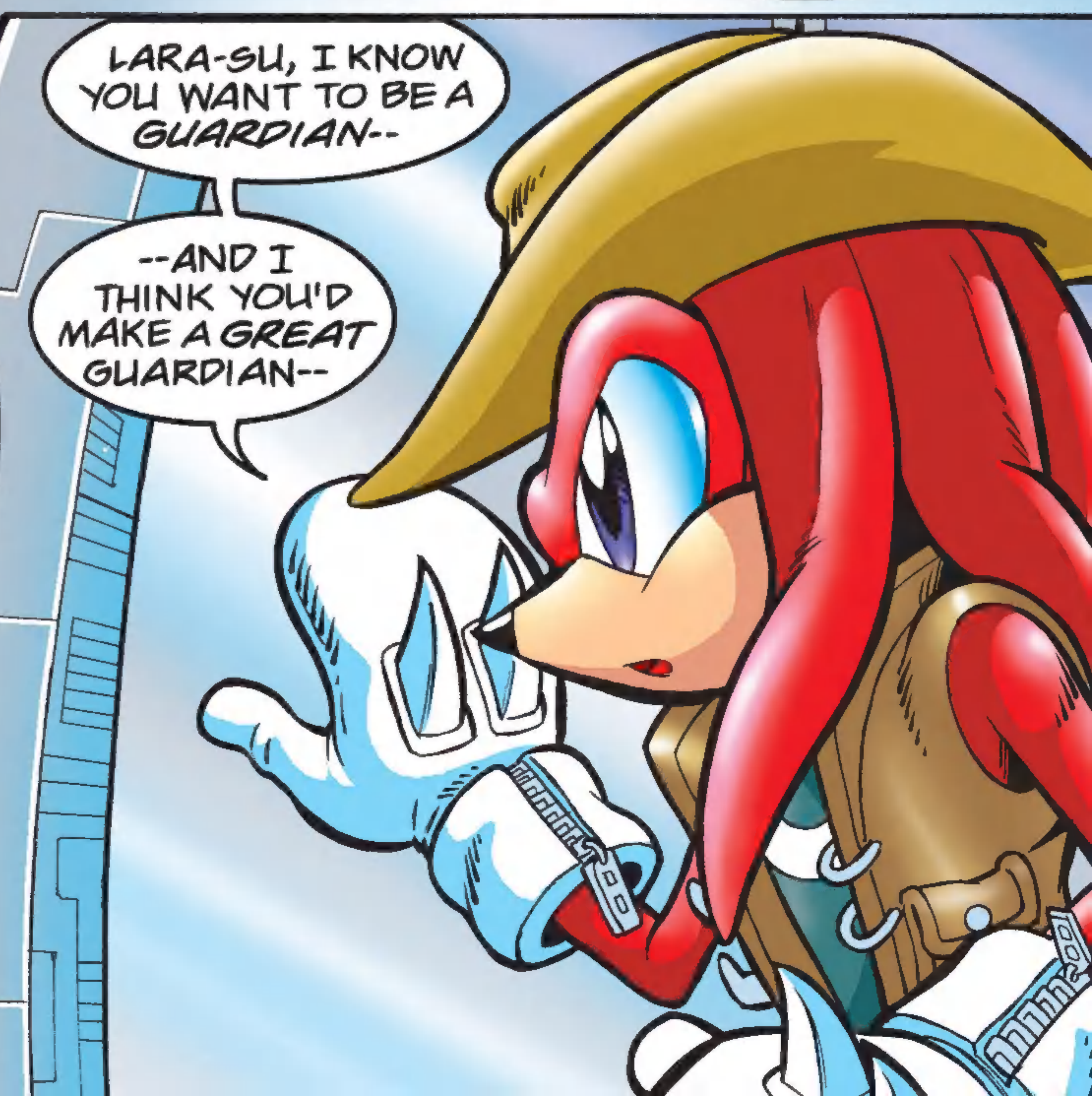
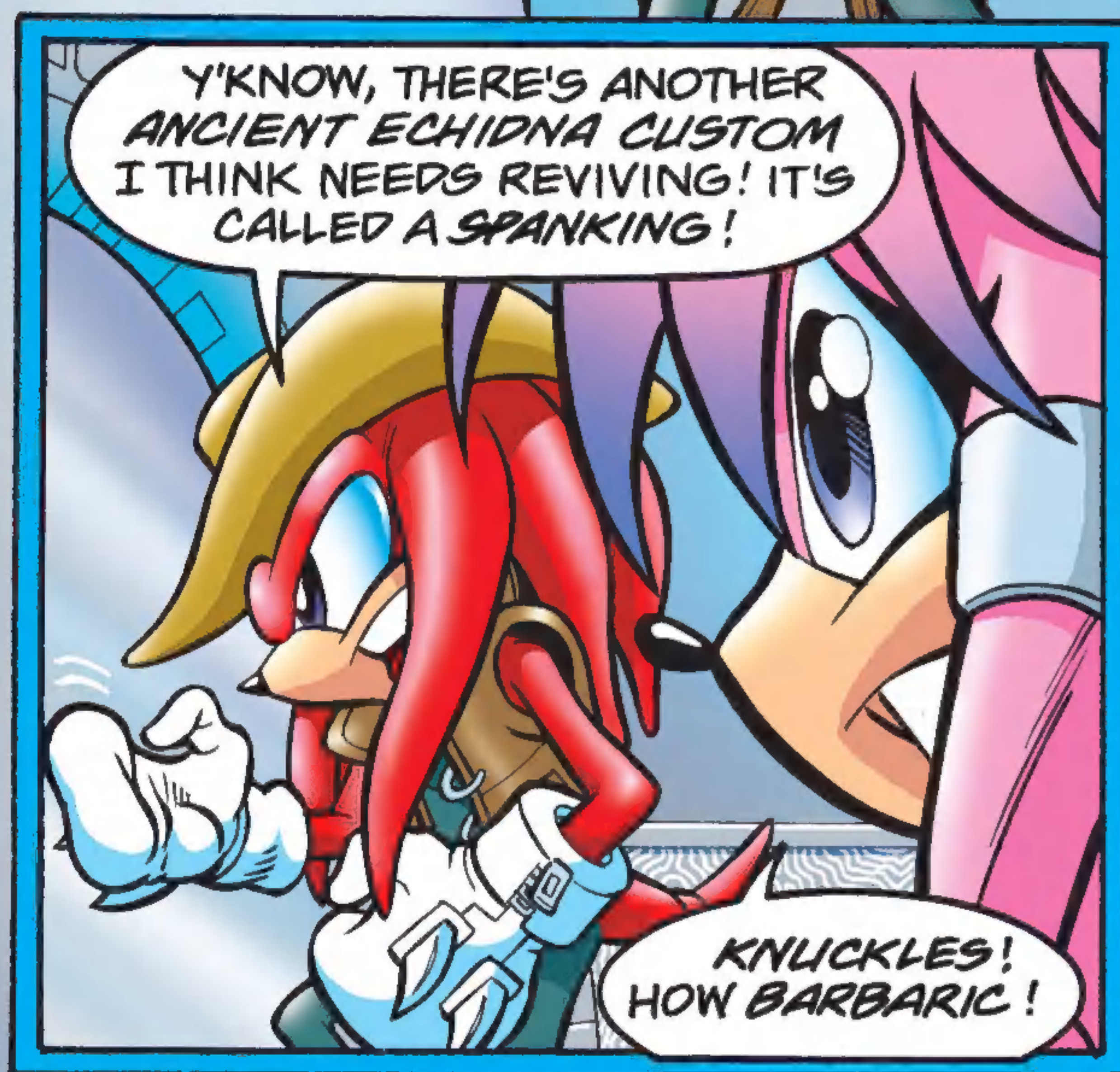
GO
AWAY!

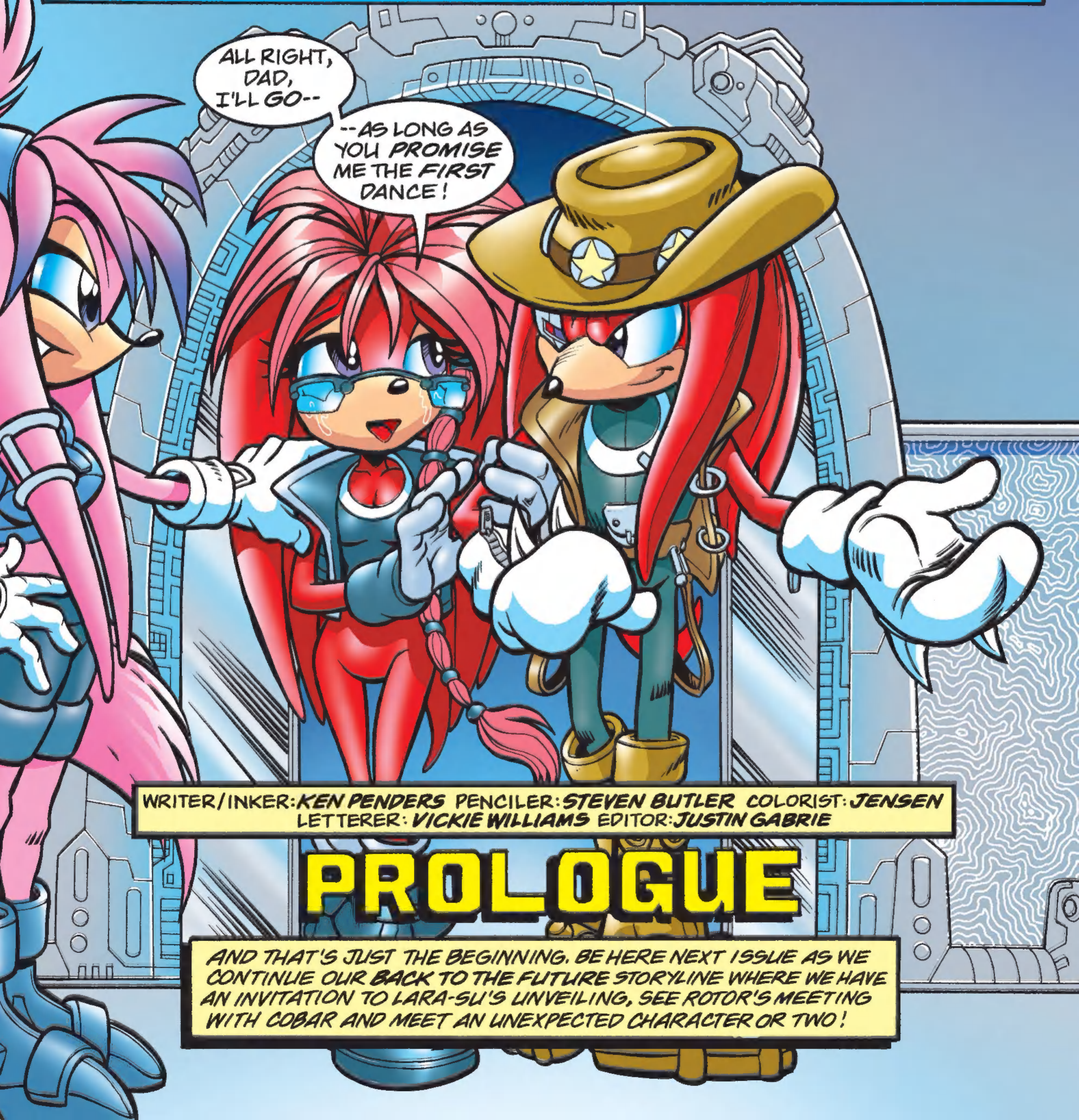
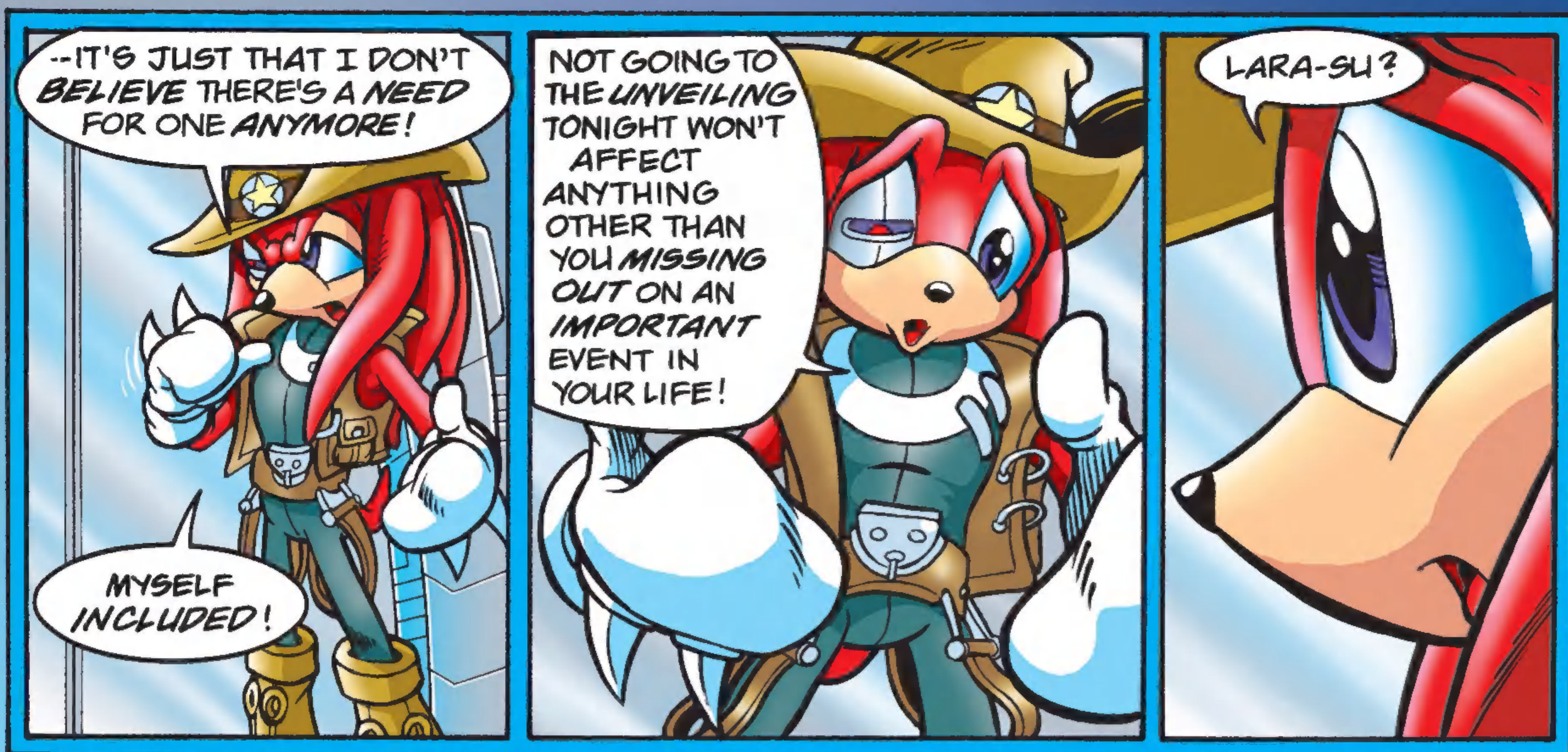


AFRAID
I CAN'T DO
THAT!

I
WON'T
GO!







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PROLOGUE

AND THAT'S JUST THE BEGINNING. BE HERE NEXT ISSUE AS WE CONTINUE OUR BACK TO THE FUTURE STORYLINE WHERE WE HAVE AN INVITATION TO LARA-SU'S UNVEILING, SEE ROTOR'S MEETING WITH COBAR AND MEET AN UNEXPECTED CHARACTER OR TWO!